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It runs in family for WSC siblings

By **MIKE BOGEN**
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Parents will tell you, counselors will tell you . . . it's important that college freshmen find a group of friends to ease the transition from high school, that they carve out a comfortable niche.

When John, Andy and Katie Messer went from Westfield High School to Westfield State College, they had no trouble finding the friends – they were downstairs, at the kitchen table.

The Messers – John and Andy are twins and sister Katie is a freshman – are also finding a comfort zone where they always have, on the road and on the track. All three ran track and cross country at Westfield High, and now all three run for the Owls.

They'll all be running Saturday at noon when the Owls host the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference championships at Stanley Park in Westfield. Westfield is the defending champion in the women's race and has won seven of the last 10 titles.

John is the oldest of the Messers, beating Andy to the world by a minute on Jan. 30, 1986; followed by Katie 897 days later.

Between the three, they played 34 of 36 possible high school varsity seasons. John and Andy played soccer as freshmen.

"John and I played youth soccer from second grade and started soccer at Westfield before we started track in the spring," Andy Messer recalls. "We found we liked track and we were better at it than soccer. Katie has been riding horses since elementary school, and she didn't start running until eighth grade."

John was a The Republican All-Scholastic athlete as a junior in indoor track, for the 1,000 meters. The next year, Andy made it in the mile, in indoor, and in cross country.

"We're pretty close," Andy says. "We all live at home, and get along pretty well for the most part.

"People know us more than they might otherwise because there are the three of us. We're all okay with it. We don't see each other much on campus. We all commute separately because of class times," he says.

"John and I are running very well right now. I kind of had an off-year last year, so it feels good," he says.

Courtesy of **WESTFIELD STATE COLLEGE**

Katie Messer and twin brothers John, left, and Andy, will be running for Westfield State College cross country teams, which host Saturday's Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference championships.

Local notebook

HCC: Rachel Colby, a second-year midfielder out of Greenfield High School, is in the process of rewriting the Holyoke Community College record books. Coming into this season, Colby was lurking in the tall grass of the ledgers, but a 14-goal, 14-assist performance in the Cougars first 15 games has brought her to the forefront.

Colby has already set the school record for career points with 73, 11 more than the previous mark, and assists with 21. Her 26 goals are only one off the all-time record.

SPRINGFIELD: Springfield College inducted six into its Athletic Hall of Fame last weeked, Homecoming Weekend at the school. Inducted were soccer players Joseph Marshall (Class of 1952) and Terry Jackson ('60), track athletes Branwen Smith-King ('78) and Bob Knowles ('49), swimmer Larry Jordan ('86) and football player Roy Samuelson ('77). It was the 34th class to be inducted into the SC shrine.

WESTFIELD STATE: The Owls had three athletes cited by MASCAC last week. Volleyball player Lindsey Dalene was its player of the week for the second straight week. She had 35 kills and seven blocks in two matches last week, and needs only seven to reach 1,000 for her career . . . Senior Dave Nalewanski of Easthampton was named to the conference's weekly soccer honor roll, and freshman Meg Gearin was MASCAC women's soccer player of the week.

ELMS: Two Blazers' freshmen, forward Sean Moylan of Chicopee and midfielder Vanessa Pare of Belchertown, were named North Atlantic Conference rookie of the week, for men's and women's soccer respectively . . . Junior Neil Daignault of Ludlow (fourth) and senior Jim Hurlbut (fifth) finished in the top five to make first team All-NAC and lead the Blazers to a second-place finish in the NAC Men's Golf Championship at Bar Harbor, Maine. Freshman Ben Kwiatkowski of Chicopee earned second team All-NAC honors . . . The Blazers' women's soccer team, winners of 11 of its last 12, plays at Bay Path today. Senior forward Jen LeDoux of Easthampton lead the team with 10 goals, and sophomore keeper Shannon Donnelly of Florence has seven shutouts.

WNEC: In field hockey, Western New England's junior forward Cori Eggert was selected NAC co-player of the week. She had six goals in three victories last week, and is tied for first in the conference in goals (13) and is third in points (28) . . . The Golden Bears (7-1 in conference play) will host a semifinal round match in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference women's tennis tournament Saturday against the winner of a quarterfinal between Emerson and Emmanuel. WNEC has conference victories over both . . . Freshman Rachel Cervone was named GNAC women's volleyball player of the week.

Westfield State records highest finish since '95

SPRINGFIELD — The Westfield State men's outdoor track and field team placed fifth at the New England Division 3 championships Friday and Saturday at Springfield College.

It was the Owls' highest finish in the New England finals since 1995 when they also placed fifth. Westfield tied for fifth with Eastern Connecticut with 51 points. Williams won the meet with 153 points, followed by Tufts (64.5), MIT (64) and Bates (59.5).

Senior Dave Bergeron (Northbridge) led the Owls by placing first in the javelin with a school record toss of 206-1, while freshman standout Brandon Palmer (Mohawk Trail Regional) earned All New England honors in the long and triple jumps and the 110 meter high hurdles.

The Owls earned 21 of their team points in the javelin, as senior Shawn McCorquodale placed third (185-9) and sophomore Drew Soltysiak (Westfield) finished fourth (183-0).

Bergeron set the school record on his second of six throws. He has several throws in the 198/199 foot range. He has automatically qualified for the NCAA Division 3 national championships and is currently ranked second in the country.

Bergeron has uncorked a number of throws in the 215-220 foot range during practice. The former school record of 203-2 was set by Roy Bain in 1987.

Palmer placed third in the highly competitive long jump competition with a personal best of 23-3, which is nearly eight inches shy of the school record. Palmer also placed fourth in the hurdles (15.8) and seventh in the triple jump (44-2).

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Local athletes shine

Kacey Bellamy, of Westfield, may be a little confused. The sophomore defenseman is playing like a forward, giving new meaning to the term "offensive defenseman" while helping anchor the defense of the second-ranked University of New Hampshire women's hockey team.

Bellamy scored two goals in one game for the third time this season. She is also ranked first in the nation in power-play goals (6), ninth among defenseman in points per game (1.14) and 14th in goals per game (0.86). She was named to the U.S. Women's Select Team earlier this month and was named USCHO Defensive Player of the Week.

PATON'S PLACE: Freshman Kyle Paton, also of Westfield, was named the Northeast-10 Freshman of the Week for the AIC men's soccer team. Paton (6 goals, 13 points) recently moved into the forward slot and notched the team's lone goal in a 1-1 double overtime tie, and scored the game-tying goal in a 3-2 win two days later.

Messer brothers lead Westfield St. to x-country title

WESTFIELD — Led by the front running of junior twin brothers Andy and John Messer (Westfield High School graduates), along with senior Nate Cristofori, Westfield State regained the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference cross country championship on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Stanley Park course across from the college.

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John (left) and Andy Messer (right) compete for the cross-country championship Sat., Oct. 21 at Westfield State College. (Submitted photo)

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Owls' women defend conference crown

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WESTFIELD - The Westfield State women's cross country team defended its Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference championship in convincing fashion on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Stanley Park course across from the Westfield State campus.

Led by individual winner Alison Wesolowski of South Hadley, Westfield State took first place with 33 points. It was the Owls' third straight conference crown and their eighth in the past 11 years.

Bridgewater State finished second with 63 points followed by Mass. Maritime Academy with 90 points.

The depth-laden Westfield team placed seven runners in the top 13.

Wesoloski won by 44 seconds with a time of 19:48, four seconds shy of her personal best. It was the first time the Westfield senior earned all-conference honors by placing in the top 10.

"Alison is a really hard worker," said veteran head coach Bob Rausch. "She is proof positive that if you really work hard good things do happen."

Freshman Ally Brown of Andover and sophomore Kristy Hassig of Winsted, Conn., earned all-conference honors by placing fourth and ninth, respectively.

Westfield eliminated any suspense by taking 11th thru 15th places: Kerry Arouca, Melissa Joyce, Jennifer Daniels, Amanda Baker and Katie Messer.

"I thought we ran well today," Rausch said. "Kristy (Hassig) ran well despite not be able to work out most of the week because of an illness."

Baseball clinics available

The Westfield State College varsity baseball team is conducting baseball clinics for youth ages 9 to 18 on Sunday evenings (6:00 to 8:45 p.m.) from November 19 to February 25.

Contact head coach Ray Arra at 413-572-5633.

CROSS COUNTRY

WNEC Invitiational: Alex White (27 minutes, 34.9 seconds) and Megan Murphy (20 minutes, 10.8 seconds in 5,000 meters) took first in the men's and women's races, respectively, to lead Worcester Polytechnic Institute to a sweep of the team titles.

WNEC's Asif Abdul-Wadud was fifth in 28:45.1 as the Golden Bears men placed fourth. Kaylee Martin (fifth place, 21:08.7), Jackie Beers (seventh, 21:26.8), and Andrea Bennett (ninth, 21:47.8) helped the WNEC women take third.

Smith fourth: In the Seven Sisters Championship at Haverford, Pa., freshman Christine Dzialo (19:17) was 20th in her collegiate debut as Smith posted a fourth-place team finish.

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CENTRAL MASS. TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Crain leads Woolies over hurdles

By Rich Garven
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MILLBURY — Steph Crain joined the Millbury High track team because she wanted to follow in the footsteps of a couple of upperclassmen she admired.

Six years and one role reversal later, it's Crain who is assisting in charting a course for the team's younger members.

Sometimes that means doling out tips that will help someone finish — say, a hurdles race in a faster time. And sometimes it means making sure those seventh- and eighth-graders just get to the start of the race on time.

"The one thing about Steph is she has always been a consummate professional," coach Mike DiGangi said. "She's been leading by example since her freshman year and is always at the forefront of the team."

Crain is usually at the front of the field, too. She's an accomplished hurdler and high jumper who, along with the rest of the Woolies, will be competing in the Central Mass. Class Championships tomorrow.

The girls' meet is at Crocker Field in Fitchburg, while the boys are at Algonquin Regional High in Northboro. Field events at both sites start at 9:30 a.m., with runners taking the track 90 minutes later.

Millbury is slotted in Class B, part of a tough field that includes defending co-champions Nashoba Regional and Uxbridge. The Woolies, 7-2 in dual meets (the losses were to SWCL sisters Uxbridge and Shepherd Hill Regional), took a second at the Dick Mulligan Relays last month, and are confident they have the skill and resolve to turn in a strong showing.

"The one word to describe our team is 'diesel,'" Crain said, using a slang word that, in this case, translates to strong.

Individually, diesel would apply to the likes of sophomore Kirsten Orrell, the school record-holder in the discus and shot put, and senior Jenna Kay Boucher, a standout in distance events.

The 5-foot-6 Crain's strength would be versatility. She runs the 100- and 300-meter hurdles, high jumps, long jumps and, before shin splints got the better of her, triple jumps.

That all-around ability was on full display at the Central Mass. Pentathlon a year ago. Crain finished fourth while leading the Woolies to second place in the team standings. She'll wrap up her scholastic career June 4 at Holy Cross, participating in the pentathlon for a fourth and final time.

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"One of my goals is to win it," Crain, 17, said in a voice brimming with optimism and void of bravado.

That would certainly be the topper to what has been a wonderful senior year.

In the fall, Crain and classmates Steph Beausoleil, Emily Kelosis, Aly Monteith and Julie Murray guided the soccer team to a 12-5-3 record and a spot in the CMass Division 2 semifinals. Crain noted the group started playing together as under-8s, and the end of the season were "sad because we'd been together so long."

During indoor track, Crain was the only competitor in either division to win two individual events at the Central Mass. Championships: She cleared 5 feet, 1 inch in the high jump, and completed the daily double in record-setting fashion, racing through the 55-meter hurdles in 9.17 seconds.

"That was cool," the T&G All-Star said.

Crain says cool more than a weatherman in March. She also drops names like a B-lister trying to get past a velvet rope.

Among those mentioned during an interview yesterday were Amanda Perkins and Jen Marderosian. Crain credited her two "role models" for encouraging her to give track a try as a seventh-grader.

What this native Californian discovered was that the competitive atmosphere suited her perfectly.

"It's not like basketball (for example) where you have people screaming at the refs," Crain said. "You do your own thing and you're rewarded for your efforts."

Of course, it took a little while for Crain, an Honor Roll student headed to Westfield State, to find her role. She (very) briefly threw the shot and javelin before attempting to talk then-coach Bob Nicoletti into letting her become a miler.

Nicoletti, correctly sizing up the athlete standing before him, brushed off the request and sent his future all-star over to join the other hurdlers and jumpers. And it's quite a crew of high jumpers the Woolies have assembled this spring.

Senior Christina Merulla, sophomore sensation Erika Higginbottom and Crain all have cleared 4-10. Two others are in the 4-6 to 4-8 range, including Crain's 13-year-old sister, Megan.

"We all work together and help each other out," said Crain, a three-sport captain. "It's cool."

After a sluggish start she attributed to a long, tiring indoor season, Crain recently has begun to hit her stride. She won three events against Grafton on Wednesday, and lowered her personal best in the 100 hurdles to 16.7 seconds while placing second to Uxbridge junior Catherine Beaudette Monday.

Beating the competition is Crain's goal, but she also believes nothing quite beats good competition.

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Nicole Ruelle part of Victory Team

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Westfield State Women's Cross Country Team captured

The Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference championship for the third consecutive year and for the eighth time in the past 11 years.

Nicole Ruelle of Westfield High School was a freshman member of the team.

Westfield State also placed second in the 12-team New England Alliance championships.

Ruelle placed 22nd individually in the Mass. State Conference championships.

Additional information can be found at: www.WestfieldStateOwls.com.

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Successful first year

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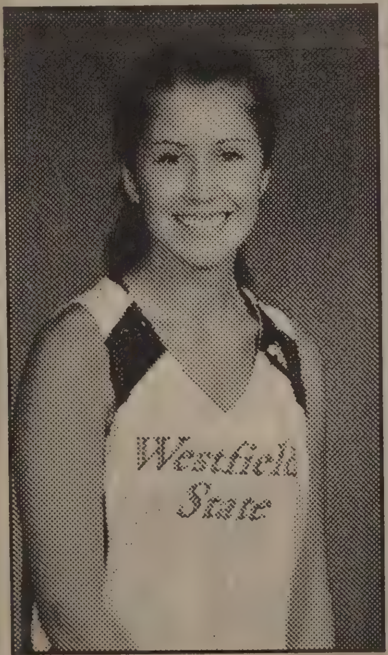

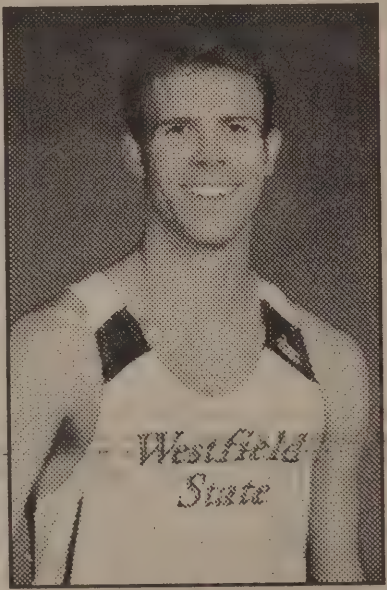

Senior moments

Robbie Crossman of Worthington (Gateway Regional High School) was a senior member of the Westfield State College men's cross country team which captured the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) championship this past fall.

It was the third MASCAC crown in the past six years for the Owls.

Westfield State also finished third in the 13-team New England Alliance championship.

Crossman was a key contributor; he just missed all-conference honors by placing 11th in the MASCAC championships.

Vincunas receives honorable mention

Wilbraham & Monson Academy's Football Coach Jeff Vartabedian and Athletic Director Skip Jarocki are proud to announce that **Matt Vincunas** of Granville is one of four Titan players to receive postseason honors.

Matt Vincunas of Granville was named honorable mention to the Colonial Football League All-Conference team. Vincunas, a 6-0, 220-pound inside linebacker, was the leading tackler on the team.

In his first season playing football, Vincunas took on punting and kicking duties and earned the team's Defensive MVP award.

WSC BASEBALL CLINIC OFFERED: The Westfield State College Baseball Clinic, Session II, begins Jan. 21. Limited to 32 players.

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Westfield runners start fast

9/29/06

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Local college notes

The Westfield State College men's and women's cross country teams take their road show to upstate New York this weekend, competing in the SUNY Geneseo Invitational at Geneseo, N.Y.

The men's team is coming off a victory in the Gordon College Invitational. Twin brothers John and Andy Messer, Westfield High graduates, finished a Westfield-best second (27 minutes, 42 seconds) and seventh (28:09) respectively for the Owls at Wenham.

The women's team was second, led by sophomore Marianne Mealey (third, 19:55) and senior Allison Wesolowski of South Hadley (sixth, 20:07).

AIC: The American International College football team, idle this weekend, is making waves in the individual Division II national statistical rankings.

Senior Jason Dominique is ranked second in sacks, with 7.5 in AIC's first four games, and senior Marlon Beckles, who rushed 24 times for 213 yards in the Yellow Jackets' 20-12 loss to Southern Connecticut last week, is fifth in rushing yards ((179.3) and fourth in all-purpose yards (207.5).

Both were named to the weekly Northeast-10 honor roll for their efforts.

In field hockey, junior Jamie Anderson moved into a tie for second place on the all-time AIC career scoring list with two goals in a 3-2 win over Franklin Pierce. She has seven goals and 11 assists for 25 points.

ELSEWHERE: Easthampton's Jen LeDoux is leading Elms College with six goals, including the score in a recent 1-0 win over Husson College . . . Former Cathedral High School standout MaryKate Bednarz was named Commonwealth Coast Conference field hockey defensive player of the week after racking up 27 saves in goal in a 1-2 week for Nichols College. Bednarz has two shutouts and has stopped 74 shots in eight games . . . Palmer native Robin Dziedzic of UMass-Dartmouth was named Little East Conference offensive player of the week, following her two-goal, six-assist performance in three games for the Corsairs . . . Senior Mike Wohl of Northampton has two game-winning goals in four games for Amherst College.

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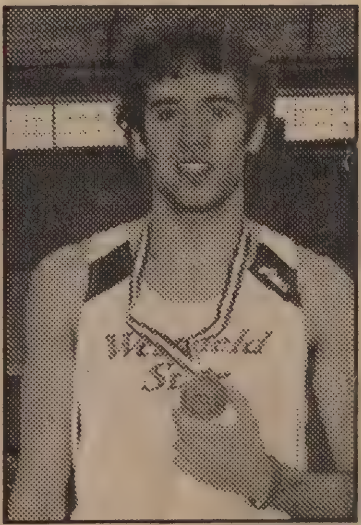
Owls' Messer receives a medal

MEDFORD — The Westfield State College men's track and field team continued its dominance indoors by capturing the inaugural Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) indoor track and field championships Feb. 10 at Tufts University.

The Owls — who have won 10 straight and 23 of the past 24 MASCAC outdoor championships — racked up 232 points to easily outdistance Worcester State (109 points), Fitchburg State (79), Salem State (47) and Bridgewater (26) in the first official indoor track and field championships in MASCAC history.

Owls placed first in nine of 17 events.


JOHN MESSER

MASCAC champions were: Ben Butterfield (400), Brian Frodema of Springfield Central High School (600), John Messer of Westfield High School(1,000), Andy Messer of Westfield High School (3,000), Luke Scalise of Mohawk Trail Regional HS (55 hurdles), Chris Flynn (triple jump), and Matt Shannon of Wilbraham (high jump).

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Westfield St. harriers sweep

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HCC wins in men's soccer

By RON CHIMELIS
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The road to the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference men's and women's cross country titles literally ran through Westfield yesterday, and no school covered it as rapidly as the home team did.

Placing seven runners in the top 13 at Stanley Park, the Westfield State College women's team won its third straight league title, and eighth in 11 years. Westfield State had 33 points, turning aside Bridgewater State (63) and Massachusetts Maritime (90).

The men's team won its third MASCAC title in six years, also at Stanley Park. With 29 points, the Owls outran Bridgewater State and 2005 champion Mass. Maritime, who tied for second with 62.

In the women's five-kilometer race, senior Alison Wesolowski of South Hadley won in 19 minutes and 48 seconds, only four seconds off her personal best. She finished first by 44 seconds.

"Alison is a really hard worker," Westfield State coach Bob Rausch said. "She is proof positive that if you work really hard, good things do happen."

Prior to this race, Wesolowski had never finished in the MASCAC top 10, the requirement for all-conference honors.

"I thought we ran well," Rausch said. "Kristy (Hassig) ran well despite not being able to work out most of the week because of an illness."

Hassig, a sophomore, finished ninth. Owls' freshman Ally Brown was fourth.

The men's race was dominated by the Messer twins. The Westfield High School graduates, now juniors, finished 1-2 with Andy Messer covering eight kilometers in 26:32.46, with John Messer second in 26:46.50.

Senior Nate Cristofori was third in 26:50.70, giving Westfield State a top-3 sweep.

"They did a great job," Rausch said. "After an off year last year, Andy has really stepped it up this year, and Nate did an outstanding job to stay with the Messer for most of the race."

Andy Messer was 11th at last year's league meet. His brother, John, was fifth.

Owls' senior Robbie Crossman of Worthington and Gateway Regional was 11th yesterday. Junior David Estabrook (Springfield, Central High) was 12th.

The Messer brothers weren't the only family members to do well for Westfield State yesterday. Their freshman sister, Katie, was 15th in the women's race.

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Owls lose men's soccer tussle

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Plymouth State scores overtime victory

College Roundup

By SENTINEL STAFF

Junior Keith Whittemore scored with two minutes left in the second overtime, lifting Plymouth State past Keene State 1-0 in Little East men's soccer action Saturday in Plymouth.

The Panthers, ranked 10th in New England, moved into sole possession of first place in the LEC at 3-0 in league play, and 7-1-1 overall.

Keene State, ranked 12th in the nation in Division III and second in New England, fell to 7-3 and 2-1.

Plymouth State stopped a three-game losing streak to the Owls, finally winning again in a series that has seen five of the last six games go into overtime.

Whittemore received a nice through-ball from sophomore Semir Mehmedovic on the game-winning play, and slid the ball under KSC junior keeper Cal Mintz.

KSC will look to rebound with four straight home games, beginning Monday at 6:30 p.m. against Worcester State.

Men's Soccer

FPC 5, STONEHILL 0 ✓

At Easton, Mass., sophomore Raphael Guimaraes had two goals and an assist to lead Franklin Pierce, ranked third in the NCAA Division II national rankings, to an easy Northeast-10 victory.

David Clifton added the first two goals of his career for the Ravens (10-0-1, 6-0-1). Abilio Goncalves also scored.

Marek Hawrylik, Frantz Francois added assists for FPC, which had 24 shots on goal to only three for Stonehill (5-7, 2-6). James Thorpe and Alec Cambio worked in goal.

FPC plays again Tuesday at Le Moyne in a rematch of last year's NE-10 tournament final.

Women's Soccer

FPC 1, SOUTHERN N.H. 0

At Rindge, Franklin Pierce got a late goal from junior midfielder Jenna Giardina to knock off Southern N.H., ranked fifth in New England, in a Northeast-10 match at Sodexho Field.

Giardina, who entered the match in the 58th match as a reserve, scored at the 77-minute mark off a cross from Thatiane Preisler. It was her third goal of the season.

Junior goalie Jenna Mello made two saves to post her fifth shutout of the season and 20th of her career. Mello and the Ravens (8-2, 7-2 NE-10) are unscored on in their last three matches.

FPC returns to action Wednesday at Le Moyne.

Volleyball

PACE 3, FPC 2
FPC 3, CONCORDIA 1

At Pleasantville, N.Y., Franklin Pierce split a pair of matches at Pace, losing a tough Northeast-10 match to the host team before rebounding with a victory over Concordia.

The Ravens botched a two-set lead in losing to Pace 21-30, 26-30, 30-27, 32-30, 15-9.

FPC, which moved into the NCAA Division III regional rankings last week at No. 8, came back to post a 30-20, 30-19, 26-30, 30-19 win over Concordia.

Nicole Buchholz and Katie Ristow each had 13 kills against Pace for FPC (8-4, 4-2 NE-10). Caitlynn Parnell had 11 kills and 20 digs.

In the none-conference match with Concordia, Emily Schultz had 14 kills, six blocks and nine digs. Buchholz added 12 kills, seven blocks and two service aces.

KEENE ST. 3, CLARK 1
KEENE ST. 3, WESTFIELD 0 ✓

At Keene State's Spaulding Gym, the Owls cruised to easy non-conference victories in a tri-meet.

The Owls bounced Clark 30-24, 30-16, 27-30, 30-11 and beat Westfield State 30-19, 30-24, 30-17.

Brittany O'Bryant logged 15 kills, 14 digs and two blocks for KSC (15-5) against Clark. Kelly Yankowski added 14 kills and 23 assists.

Against Westfield, O'Bryant had 19 kills, 11 digs and four blocks, while Yankowski had eight kills and nine digs.

Jordan Porkryfki added nine kills and 25 assists for the Owls, who return to action Tuesday at Plymouth State.

Field Hockey

KEENE ST. 3, EASTERN CONN. 0

At Mansfield, Conn., senior Sara Joyce logged nine saves to record her Little East-leading fifth shutout against Eastern Connecticut State.

The victory, coupled with Worcester State's 3-1 loss to Southern Maine, puts the Owls (7-3, 5-0) in first place.

The shutout was the third straight for Joyce.

Nichole Garneau, Steph Georgevits and Karen Robinson scored goals for KSC. Georgevits and Kat Trimmer had assists.

KSC plays again Tuesday at home against UMass-Dartmouth.

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Nalewanski's late game-winner carries Westfield State to upset

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SALEM, Mass. — The Westfield tate Owls, the No. 3 seed, received he game-winning goal from Dave alewanski in the 80th minute en oute to upsetting No. 1 seed Salem tate, 2-1, in the championship atch of the Massachusetts State ollege Athletic Conference (MAS-AC) men's soocer postseason ournament at Alumni Field.

The Owls (11-8) received an auto-atic bid to the NCAA Division 3 hampionship tournament by win-ing the MASCAC tournament, hich begins Wednesday, ovember 8th. Westfield's last CAA tournament appearance was n 2000.

Nalewanski, a hard working sen-or midfielder from Easthampton, cored unassisted off a goalmouth cramble from ten yards out with :15 to play.

"It was absolutely a great effort," said Westfield State head coach Matt Noyes. "The kids really battled and stuck to the game plan.

"We pressured their backs much better this time and we played very well defensively," Noyes added. "Salem has a very quick team and we did a great job of containing their forwards."

SSC (15-5), which had defeated the Owls, 2-0, last Saturday to capture the MASCAC regular season crown, opened the scoring at 10:27 when freshman Andrew Angus (Dorchester) scored from 12 yards out off a feed from sophomore midfielder Michael Bifsha (Salem).

Westfield evened the match at 1-1 when sophomore midfielder Chris Kinback (Shrewsbury) tallied after receiving a pass from freshman midfielder Ben Berthiaume (Swansea) at 21:11.

Westfield junior goalkeeper Mark Tiffany (Easthampton) made nine saves for the Owls, including seven in the second half. SSC sophomore netminder Pawel Brzyczy (Krakow, Poland) stopped three shots, two in the opening half and one in the second half.

SSC held a 19-13 advantage in shots at goal and a 5-4 margin in corner kicks.

FOOTBALL

Worcester St. 20, Westfield St. 16

WESTFIELD — Sophomore quarterback Pat Good completed 21 of 41 passes for 168 and two touchdowns, both coming in the final 4:44, and Worcester State had a goal line stand in the closing seconds as the Lancers rallied for a wild 20-16 New England Football Conference victory over Westfield State on Nov. 4.

It was the regular season finale for Worcester (4-6) and Westfield (1-8).

Westfield held a 16-6 lead midway through the fourth quarter, but committed its fourth turnover of the game when senior tailback Dave Bergeron lost a fumble at the Owl 36.

Ten plays later, Worcester State scored on a third-down pass completion from the 2-yard line from Good to Brian Doherty. Tom Gabriel's extra point made the score 16-13 with 4:44 remaining.

Westfield was unable to move the sticks on its next possession, and on fourth down, punter Brad Barnard's knee touched the ground when he fielded a low snap from center. This miscue gave the Lancers excellent field possession at the Westfield 25 with 3:36 remaining.

Senior tailback Steve Kasprzak (60 net yards on 19 carries) ran the ball four straight, then a two-yard run by Good gave the Lancers a first-and-goal from the 4.

A false start penalty moved the ball back to the nine-yard line. Good's first-down pass was nearly intercepted by Westfield senior defensive back Dan Stem. On second down, Good rolled to right and rifled a perfect pass Ryan Kelly - just out of the reach of a diving Westfield defender - for a nine-yard touchdown with 51 seconds left to give Worcester a 20-16 lead.

The Owls then nearly pulled off a miracle comeback of their own in the closing seconds. Sophomore quarterback Dan Cohen completed a 26-yard sideline pass to Matt Shannon for a first down at the Lancer 37.

A pass completion of 21 yards to freshman David Benoit placed the ball at the 16 with 22 seconds remaining. Freshman Derek Trueira then made a leaping grab over the middle to place the ball at the 3-yard line with 10 seconds remaining.

With no timeouts remaining, the Owls took three cracks at the end zone on passing plays but they were unable to score against the aggressive Worcester defense, which also had two goal line stands in the first half.

A pass in heavy traffic over the middle on first down fell incomplete. On second down, Benoit got open in front of a defender in the right corner, but he was unable to gain complete possession of the ball as he was heavily guarded from behind.

With two seconds left, the Owls went to their favorite receiver Scott McIntyre on a quick out to the right corner, but the Worcester defensive back Matt Zompa batted the ball down to end the thrilling finish.

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WSC women's soccer team finishes with 8-8-2 record

Ashely Szczebak of Feeding Hills (Cathedral High School) was a freshman member of the Westfield State College women's soccer team that finished its 2006 season with an 8-8-2 record, and including sophomore member Jenn Pagnoni of Holyoke.

Highlights of the season were a 1-0 victory over NCAA Tournament team Worcester State College and two ties vs. Mass. State Conference regular season champion Bridgewater State College.

Szczebak started all 18 games and scored seven points (three goals, one assist). She was named the team's defensive player of the year. Pagnoni was the team's second leading scorer with 10 points (four goals, two assists).

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Tim Budri

Tim Budri with Westfield State College team

Tim Budri of West Springfield (Holyoke Catholic High School) was a sophomore member of the Westfield State College men's soccer team during the 2006 season.

Westfield State posted an 11-9 overall and captured the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference postseason tournament championship to earn a berth in the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Budri was a key member of the team, starting in 16 of 17 games played as a back/midfielder.

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Jessica Callini

Jessica Callini in Westfield State College soccer

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Callini played in 13 games and had one goal and one assist.

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Three town residents play well for Westfield State soccer programs

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Feeding Hills residents Ashley Szczebak and Michael Thompson, and Agawam resident Nick Gumlaw all performed well for last fall's Westfield State Soccer women's and men's soccer teams.

Szczebak, a Cathedral High graduate, was a freshman member of the Lady Owls that finished the 2006 season at 8-8-2. She was named the team's "defensive player of the year."

Highlights of the season were a 1-0 win over NCAA Tournament team Worcester State College and two ties against Massachusetts State Conference regular season champion Bridgewater State College.

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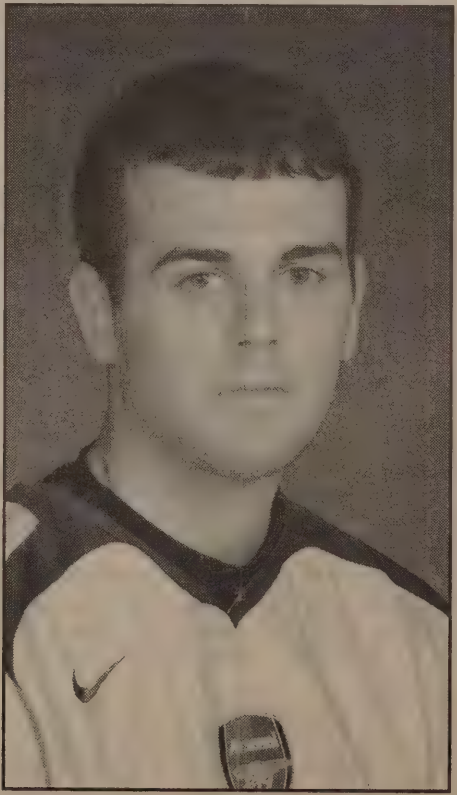
Thompson, and Agawam High School graduate and a sophomore at WSC, helped the men's soccer team to an overall record of 11-9 as the Owls captured the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference post-season tournament championship to earn an NCAA Division III Tournament.

Thompson was the back-up goalie for the Owls and started four games and played in seven.

Gumlaw, a junior, also an Agawam High School grad, enjoyed a banner year for the Owls. He led the team in scoring with 19 points (9 goals, 1 assist) and tallied five game-winning goals.

Gumlaw was also named All-Conference for his efforts.

Ashley Szczebak



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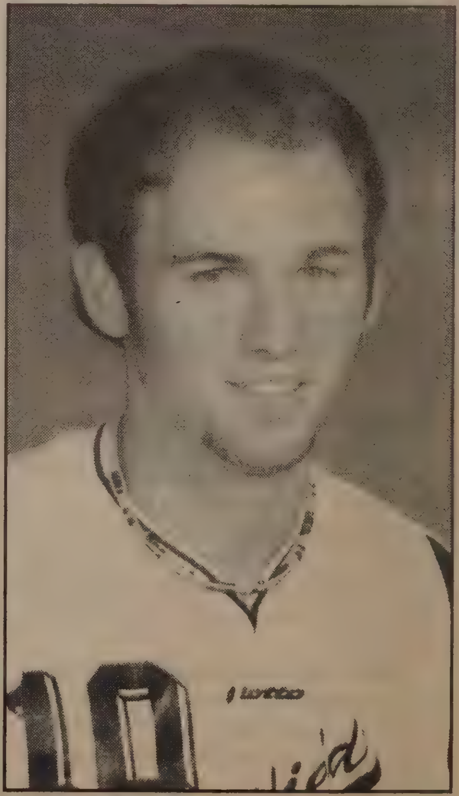

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Golden Bears rule Springfield's links

Staff reports

The Western New England College men's golf team reigned in the rain.

With three players shooting in the 70s yesterday, the Golden Bears captured the City of Springfield championship at Veterans Golf Course.

Western New England shot 313, edging Springfield College (315) and American International College (341). It was the first meeting of the city teams in four years.

"I thought it would be nice to get everyone back together," WNEC coach William "Red" Downes said. "Springfield College will host the tournament next year at Franconia. We'll see how it goes from there."

Mike Roy of WNEC and Andrew Wright of Springfield shared individual honors at 76. Wright is a Hampden resident.

E.J. Czajkowski (WNEC), Greg Levings (SC) and Mike McMillan (AIC) tied for third at 78. Western New England's Nick Kapinos was sixth at 79.

Local roundup

MEN'S SOCCER

WNEC 1, Keene State 0: Evan Heymann's goal in the 47th minute was the difference for Western New England (10-5-1). Senior midfielder Tim Larocca of East Longmeadow assisted.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Springfield 5, Mount Holyoke 0: Lauren Peltier of Agawam had a goal and an assist for Springfield (9-4, 5-2 New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference).

Nicole Hanewich, Lindsay Bugbee, Caitlin Sawczuk and Kayla Thibeault also scored. Goalie Sue Jenney of Agawam recorded the shutout.

Smith 1, Clark 0: Sidelined by injury, Danielle Schmandt hadn't played since Sept. 23 until entering yesterday's game in the second half. Eight minutes later, she scored the game's only goal for host Smith College (8-5-1, 5-1-1 NEWMAC).

Westfield State 3, RIC 2: At Rhode Island College, Kristin Pellegrinelli's goal in the second overtime lifted the Owls (7-7-1).

Jenn Pagnoni of Holyoke and Meg Gearin also scored for the Owls against RIC (12-4-1).

St. Anselm 4, AIC 0: Sara Mead of Great Barrington made 18 saves for host AIC (1-14-1, 0-13 Northeast-10). Joanne Germano of West Springfield had several near-miss chances.

FIELD HOCKEY

Springfield 1, Mount Holyoke 0: At South Hadley, Brittany Veazie's first-half goal stood up for the Pride (13-3, 7-0 NEWMAC).

Allie Walsh made 18 saves for Mount Holyoke (5-10, 2-4). Emma Kaplan stopped nine in the shutout for Springfield.

WPI 4, Smith 1: Katie Nehmer of Southwick notched her third goal of the season for host WPI 11-5, 3-4 NEWMAC). Rebecca Capute scored for Smith (4-10, 1-5).

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Springfield 3, Mount Holyoke 0: The host Lyons improved in every game, but visiting SC's 30-20 victory in the third game prepped the Pride (20-6, 5-2 NEWMAC for the Volleyball Hall of Fame Tournament.

Mount Holyoke (7-9, 1-6) will also play in the tourney, facing MIT Friday. SC plays Bates.

Smith 3, Clark 0: In Worcester, Catherine Schafer had 11 kills and 22 digs for Smith (9-11, 5-2 NEWMAC).

Plymouth State 2, Westfield State 1: Amanda Spadafora scored two goals less than six minutes apart in the second half to hand visiting Westfield State its first loss. Megan Wolski scored for the Owls (3-1, 1-1 Little East Conference).

Smith splits: At the Seven Sisters Field Hockey Championship at Swarthmore, Pa., Smith College defeated Vassar 1-0 before falling to Wheaton 6-2. Smith's Rebecca Capute scored both goals against Wheaton.

Smith will meet Mount Holyoke in today's third-place game. The Lyons defeated Haverford 3-2 in overtime thanks to Jaimie Macari's second goal of the game, but lost to Wellesley 3-0.

Bates 3, Amherst 2: Haley Douds scored twice, but host Amherst (1-2, 0-2 NESCAC) lost in double-overtime.

VOLLEYBALL

Westfield State 3, Salem 0: Belchertown's Elissa Genereux recorded 31 assists to lead the 5-3 Owls to a sweep of host Salem State 30-17, 30-20, 30-18.

Springfield 3, Wheaton 0: Senior MaryKathryn O'Neil produced a team-high 11 kills and added three blocks as host Springfield swept 30-17, 30-10, 30-22.

Smith 3, USCGA 0: Junior Katie Shafer had 12 kills and a team-high 28 digs as host Smith (1-5) defeated the United States Coast Guard Academy 30-28, 33-31, 30-26.

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FIELD HOCKEY

WNEC 2, Lasell 1: Sarah McQuarrie's overtime goal gave the Golden Bears (11-7, 7-1 GNAC) their Homecoming Day win.

Westfield State 1, Salem State 0: Senior Kate Anderson set a school record with her 23rd career assist, setting up Vicky Winson in the second half for the visiting Owls (9-6, 5-5 Little East).

Wellesley 2, Springfield 1: A second-half goal by Eileen Jenkins wasn't enough as the visiting and No. 15-ranked Pride (13-4) ended a 7-1 NEWMAC season.

Wellesley is 6-1 in the league, and will host next week's conference tournament if it beats Babson Tuesday.

Amherst 2, Wesleyan 1: Christa Porcaro's overtime goal lifted Amherst (6-6, 2-5 NESCAC) in Middletown, Conn.

Smith 2, Babson 1: In Northampton, Trina Campbell and Linnea Michaels scored for Smith (5-10, 2-5 NEWMAC).

St. Anselm 2, AIC 1: Jacki Lapointe's early goal wasn't quite enough for American International (2-13, 2-11 Northeast 10) in Manchester, N.H.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Elms 4, Johnson State 0: Sophomore Kerrie Bowden of Chicopee had her first career hat trick for host Elms (12-5, 10-1 NAC).

Senior Jen LeDoux of Easthampton had the other goal, her team-leading 11th.

HCC 7, Dean 0: Two goals apiece for Elyse Campbell and Cori Marsh led Holyoke Community (12-4-1).

Rachel Colby, Katie Warner and Ashley Piccirilli also scored. Maria Merritt and Alli Pirog had three assists each.

Springfield 2, Wellesley 1: Lauren Peltier of Agawam scored the deciding goal in the second half for visiting SC (10-4, 6-2 NEWMAC).

Westfield State 1, Worcester State 0: Freshman defender Kelcie Gildea's first career goal lifted the host Owls (8-7-1, 2-2-1 MASCAC) to the upset win over Worcester State (12-4-1, 4-1-1), which was bidding to complete an unbeaten league schedule.

Saint Rose 8, AIC 1: Valentein Burson's late goal kept visiting AIC (1-15-1, 0-14) from being shut out, but No. 6-ranked Saint Rose (15-1-1, 12-1-1) wrapped up its first Northeast 10 title.

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Wolski sets school record

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WESTFIELD — Junior forward Megan Wolski (Plymouth, Mass.) scored three goals and set a school career record for most points to power Westfield State to a 4-2 non-conference field hockey victory over American International College on Monday night.

Westfield improves to 8-5 while Division II AIC is 2-10.

Wolski racked up her third hat trick this season while establishing the school record for career points. In three years at Westfield she has 43 goals and 14 assists for an even 100 points to surpass the former school standard held by Owl head coach Heather Cabral, who scored 99 points (43 goals, 13 assists) from 1988-91. Wolski and Cabral now share the school record for most career goals.

The athletic 5-9 Wolski opened the scoring with 2:40 remaining in the first half when she redirected a shot by Shanna Litterst into the net.

AIC tied the score just 10 seconds later on a goal by junior forward Nicole Phelps.

Wolski tallied her sixth game-winning goal of the season 1:55 into the second half when she put in a rebound of a missed shot. Litterst scored an unassisted goal just over 11 minutes later to make it 3-1.

Wolski expanded Westfield's lead to 4-1 with 13:34 remaining when she scored her record-breaking goal off an assist from sophomore Vicky Winson.

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Locals accent NCAA tourney

UMass-Dartmouth 2, Westfield St. 1: Robin Dziedzic of Palmer contributed a goal to lead visiting UMass-Dartmouth (12-2, 6-2 Little East Conference).

Megan Wolski tallied for the Owls (7-5, 4-4).

Lasell 2, Elms 0: Senior goalkeeper Collen Strunk recorded her 400th career save, but host Elms (1-11, 1-6 NAC) couldn't provide the offense. Chicopee's Jackie Motyl scored her 13th goal of the season for Lasell.

Bentley 1, AIC 0: Heather Buda scored 9:40 into the game as visiting Bentley (11-4, 9-3 Northeast 10) handed AIC (2-10, 2-9) its fifth shutout of the season.

GOLF

Elms in 2nd: At the NAC Championships at par-70 Kebo Valley Golf Club in Bar Harbor, Maine, Neil Daigneault's 78 led Elms, which was in second place heading into today's final round.

VOLLEYBALL

Amherst 3, Bowdoin 0: At Medford, Sara Heller registered 35 assists and 10 digs as the Jeffs improved to 19-1, 5-1 with the NESCAC victory in a match at Tufts University.

Westfield sweeps: In a tri-match at Framingham, Westfield State defeated host Framingham State 30-26, 30-24, 27-30, 30-26 and then topped Worcester State 30-20, 30-19, 30-15.

Lindsay Dalene had 35 kills and Elissa Genereux had 88 assists over the two matches for the Owls (13-12, 5-0 MASCAC).

Springfield finishes 5th: Senior middle blocker MaryKathryn O'Neil was named to the all-tournament team as SC took fifth place at the Elmhurst (Ill.) Invitational.

Local notebook

Freshman Chie Inoue was named NAC volleyball Rookie of the Year and first team All-NAC.

OWLS HONORED: A total of 15 Westfield State athletes were named first- or second-team all-MASCAC.

Megan Wolski was named MASCAC field hockey Player of the Year for the second straight season, and was joined on the all-MASCAC squad by fellow first-teamers Kate Anderson and Jacqui Turner, and by second-team picks Cat Hanks, Missy Alcorn, Vicky Winson and Shanna Littrst.

Easthampton's Dave Nalewanski was a first-team pick in soccer for the third straight year, while teammates Matt Ross and Jeff Trudeau were second-team selections.

In women's soccer, Kate McMillan of Belchertown, Jen Leveille of Southampton and Meg Gearin were selected to the conference's second team, and in volleyball Lindsay Dalene was a first-team pick and Krista Grifoni was a second-teamer.

COACHING KUDOS: Westfield State coaches almost swept the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference Coach of the Year awards, winning five of

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Bears hit road on high note

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Local colleges

Before embarking on a two-game weekend road trip, the Western New England College field hockey team took care of business at home.

Junior Cori Eggert scored a pair of goals to lead the host Golden Bears to a 3-0 victory over Smith College yesterday.

WNEC (7-6) travels to Husson (Maine) tomorrow and faces Simmons Sunday. Both are North Atlantic Conference games.

Sarah McQuarrie got the Bears on the board first with 4:22 left in the first half, converting a pass by Allison Jameson for her second goal of the year.

Eggert added her eighth and ninth goals of the season to finish the scoring only eight minutes into the second half.

Goalie Emilie Donka earned the shutout with eight saves, while freshman Chelsea Henderson made eight stops in her first career start for the Pioneers (4-9).

Amherst 4, Babson 0: Junior Sarah Tracy of Sturbridge scored her first goal of the season to lead the host Jeffs (3-6). Sophomore goalie Jane Motsue had seven saves in her first start of the season.

Conn. College 1, Mount Holyoke 0: Kelsey Fredericks netted the game's lone goal for the visiting Camels (5-5).

Allie Walsh turned aside 14 shots in a losing cause for the Lyons (5-8).

Assumption 1, AIC 0: Jill Hughes scored at the 17:25 mark to lift the visiting Greyhounds (5-9, 5-7) to a Northeast-10 Conference win.

Jacki Lapointe had three shots on goal for AIC (2-9, 2-8).

Elms postponed: Yesterday's scheduled game between Elms and Anna Maria was postponed. It will be made up Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Chicopee.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Trinity 9, Springfield 0: Sophomore Sarah Gould of Longmeadow teamed with Amanda Tramont at No. 1 doubles for visiting Trinity (9-0). They scored an 8-3 win over Meghan Kelly and Melissa Weinstein of Springfield (1-6).

Tramont also won her No. 1 singles match.

VOLLEYBALL

Westfield St. 3, Elms 0: Junior setter Elissa Genereux of Belchertown handed out 19 assists to lead the visiting Owls (11-12) to a 30-12, 30-17, 30-28 win.

Ashley Conway led all players with 11 kills as Westfield snapped a four-match losing skid.

Freshman Melissa Clark of Chicopee had a team-high six kills for the Blazers (5-11).

Emmanuel 3, WNEC 0: Kristin Wellen posted 12 digs and Amy Larinovich made eight kills as the visiting Golden Bears (11-8) fell 30-25, 30-19, 30-17.

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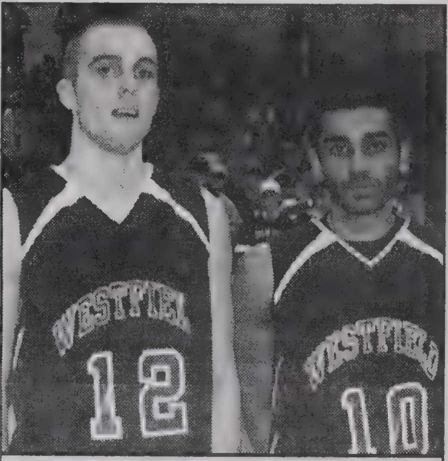
Gadles, Illangakoon named All Conference

Westfield State College seniors Curtis Gadles and Gavin Illangakoon were selected to the 2007 Massachusetts State College Athlietics Conference (MASCAC) men's basketball all-conference teams.


Curtis Gadles and Gavin Illangakoon

Gadles was a first-team selection and Illangakoon was a second team pick. Last season Illangakoon was first-team all-conference.

Gadles – a 6-5 swingman from Pembroke – led the 17-11 Owls in scoring with 530 points in 26 games for a 20.4 per game average. He scored 845 points in his two-year Westfield State stint. Gadles scored 523 points during his freshman and sophomore seasons at Mount Ida College for a four-year total of 1,368 points.

Galdes also led the Owls in rebounding (7.9 per game average) and 3-point shooting (65-for-152, 43 percent).

Illangakoon finished his fine four-year collegiate career with 913 points. The Melbourne, Australia native - who was an exchange student at Ellington, Conn., High School - scored 343 points this season for a 12.3 points per game average.

Illangakoon led the Owls in assists (4.3 per game) and free throw shooting (95-for-126, 75 percent). He was second in 3-point shooting (40-for-126, 38 percent) and steals (1.7 per game).

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WSC Hockey seniors take final pictures with their mothers before playing their last game. The team finished the second half of the season with a comeback from a disappointing first half.

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It's on the line for Pride

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Westfield looks to gain first win

By MIKE BOGEN
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It's not that often that the big guys who clear the way for the fast guys who get all the ink get their due, but the Springfield College offensive line, got some this week.

Local college football

The Pride's line, which has been doing the blocking that's enabled junior quarterback Chris Sharpe to pile up yards, records and awards in the first three games this season, has been named to the d3football.com National Team of the Week.

That's everyone, seniors Adam Feit, Mike Mestieri and Nate Germain, junior Dan Connors and freshman John Mercer.

Feit, one of the Pride's four captains, is a Chicopee native. The 250-pounder lines up at guard with Connors (245). Germain (255) and Mercer (240) are the tackles, and Mestieri (240) is the center.

"They're very tight, a very close-knit group of guys. They work very hard. Adam Feit has done a great job not only as a player but as a leader of that group," Springfield coach Mike Delong says. "These guys are not real big, but they're very quick offensive linemen, and they're tough."

Indeed, there are no 310-pounders here. Germain's 255 pounds tops the weight chart, and at 240, Mercer and Mestieri are smaller than many NFL fullbacks. Quickness, not poundage is the key to blocking in DeLong's spread offense (an evolution of the wishbone), one that is second in NCAA Division II in rushing offense (415 yards per game) and 11th in total offense (450.7).

"They're coming off the ball very aggressively. They play hard the entire game. In all the games, our offense has scored in final drive situations. They do seem stronger at the end than the guys they're playing against," Delong says.

They'll be tested again this week, tomorrow at 1 p.m. against Utica, a team that, at 1-2, is struggling a bit, but one that defeated Springfield last season.

The Pride defense will also be tested, only it's got more to prove. While Springfield (3-0) has scored 106 points, it's needed all of them, allowing 383 yards of total offense and 79 points per game while scoring three victories, all of which have all been close.

"We need to improve on defense. We were solid against the run last week, but gave up big plays on defense," Delong says. "Our games have all been close, track meets. People say they've been fun to watch, but I'm not so sure they're fun to coach.

"It's a consistency thing, not an ability thing. Our defensive consistency has to improve," he says.

Springfield will go into the home game ranked No. 1 in the New England Division III Coaches Poll, and as high as 20th in various national polls.

MAINE MARITIME at WESTFIELD STATE, 1 p.m.: The Owls have still another tough defensive task ahead as they try to score their first victory of the season in front of a Family Weekend crowd.

Westfield (0-3, 0-1 New England Football Conference Bogan Division) will be on the other end of that spread option Springfield College runs, defending against the Mariners' version, which is used by Maine Maritime's coach Chris McKenney, a 1984 SC grad who played under Delong.

The Mariners are second in scoring in the NEFC, averaging 26.7 points per game, while the Owls have allowed an average of 31 points per game.

On the plus side for Westfield, the offense scored its first three touchdowns of the season in last week's 35-21 loss to Curry College, and fifth-year senior running back David Bergeron, who made his first-ever collegiate start last week will be back in the lineup following a 27-carry, 120-yard performance.

WNEC at PLYMOUTH STATE, 1 p.m.: It's deja vu all over again for the Golden Bears, who, as they did last season, will be replacing injured quarterback senior Jon Tallerico with junior Pat Murphy.

FOOTBALL FOCUS

AUBURN SURVIVES: Kenny Irons ran for 117 yards and two touchdowns, and No. 2 **Auburn** knocked away a last-chance pass to keep its unbeaten season alive with a 24-17 victory over **South Carolina** at Columbia, S.C., last night. Along with Irons' ground game and their rock-solid defense, the Tigers (5-0, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) displayed a passing game that helped them take every snap of the third quarter. Brandon Cox completed nine of 13 passes for 125 passes in the third quarter to keep Auburn moving and the South Carolina offense off the field.

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WNEC will go into the NEFC game at Plymouth, N.H., with a 2-1 record, while Plymouth State is 1-2.

Tallerico, who was the Division II/III Boston Globe Golden Helmet winner the week before, will miss the remainder of the season with a shoulder injury suffered in last week's 19-10 loss to Curry.

Murphy picked up enough playing time last season while Tallerico was out to give Golden Bears coach Keith Emery complete confidence in him, and working as Tallarico's understudy, thus far this season Murphy has completed 19 0f 35 passes for 227 yards and two touchdowns. After Murphy replaced Tallerico in the Curry game, he completed 14 of 28 passes for 196 yards and a touchdown.

AMHERST at BOWDOIN, 1 p.m.: The Lord Jeffs and Polar Bears approach this game at Brunswick, Maine, the 84th meeting between the schools, from entirely different directions.

Amherst, which leads the series, begun in 1896, 64-17-2, won its opener 31-6 over Bates College, with receiver Mark Hannon scoring two touchdowns on pass receptions and a third on a punt return.

Bowdoin, on the other hand, is looking to rebound from a 27-0 loss to Williams in its opener.

TRINITY at WILLIAMS, 1:30 p.m.: Trinity is riding a 31-game winning streak, and Williams (1-0) is lining up to end it.

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AIC, Springfield remain undefeated

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By **DICK BAKER**

Football

The key to the early success of the American International College football team is its defense, and it can be measured by the yard.

And it would only take one yardstick to account for Bentley College's rushing game yesterday. The net result was one yard – 65 gained, 64 lost.

And while the Falcons tried to go to the air to come from behind, the one-dimensional offense couldn't catch the sturdy Yellow Jackets, who hung on for a 21-18 victory at Miller Field in Springfield.

With the victory, AIC is 3-0 for the first time since 1980, a great sign as that edition finished 8-2. It was the first time the Yellow Jackets have beaten Bentley in six years.

A late 28-yard, first-half scoring strike from quarterback Jared Corbin to Kertis Hussey, and an early second-half 82-yard romp by senior Marlon Beckles proved to be the difference on offense for AIC, which dropped the Falcons to 1-2, and more importantly to 0-2 in the Northeast-10. The Falcons were picked to finish third in the preseason poll while the Jackets, who are 3-0 in conference play, were slotted for fifth.

"We haven't beaten them since I've been here," said Beckles, who moved into second place in career rushing at AIC after yesterday's 182 yards on 20 carries. "My freshman year we came close, but my sophomore year we lost 42-0, and we were talking about that all week.

"The big thing was that everyone doubted us. They said Bentley never loses two games in a row, and that this was their bounce-back week."

Beckles now has 3,227 career rushing yards, passing Rashid Thomas's 3,093. Kavin Gaillard (Class of 1999) is the all-time leader at 6,523.

Trailing 21-10, the Falcons appeared ready to close in early in the fourth quarter after quarterback John White connected with Todd Norley for a 63-yard pass play to the Jackets' 17. Then White hit junior Mike Griggs (nine catches), a one-time defensive back who until yesterday had never caught a collegiate pass with a 14-yard play to the AIC 3. It's there that the Jackets got tough, especially rookie standout Terrence Holley.

With second and goal, Holley dropped Luis Cotto for a 2-yard loss. Then Holley came up with the key play of the game, picking off a White pass and running it out of trouble. The next time Bentley had the ball, Holley teamed up with Terrance Mercer and then Jason Dominique for back-to-back sacks.

"We knew he (White) liked to go to the tight end, so the coaching staff had me watching the flats," Holley said of the interception. "So you have to give the coaching staff credit; they put me in the right place."

Bentley's final touchdown didn't come until there were only 14 seconds left in the game, a 13-yard pass play from White to Norley. The Falcons made the 2-point conversion and then went for the last-gasp onside kick. But AIC's Charles Revis covered that attempt to preserve the win.

Corbin, who ran 12 yards for the first score of the game, was starting in place of injured Shane Murphy. But Holley, Murphy's Bogata, N.J., high school teammate, certainly represented that school well in his absence.

Springfield 27, Montclair State 15: Sophomore fullback Andrew Jackson rushed for 172 yards and two touchdowns, including the go-ahead score with 12 seconds left in the third quarter, to lead host Springfield College (2-0) in non-conference play.

Junior quarterback Chris Sharpe racked up 141 yards on 19 carries. He also scored two touchdowns, the final one coming on a fourth-and-1 from the Montclair State 21-yard line with 32 seconds remaining.

Junior Joe Harasymiak had two interceptions, including a key grab with 3:36 left.

Curry 27, Westfield State 0: At Milton, four different players scored touchdowns to propel host Curry College (3-0).

Westfield State quarterback Dan Cohen completed 8 of 15 passes for 73 yards, all to receiver Scott McIntyre. But the Owls (0-2) couldn't generate momentum on the ground, as Curry's defense limited them to only 27 net yards.

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Beckles is key to AIC success

By MIKE BOGEN
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College football

The question surrounding tomorrow's Northeast-10 football game between American International and Assumption Colleges is simple:

How fit is Yellow Jackets running back Marlon Beckles?

Everyone already knows just how important Beckles is to the AIC offense. The senior is averaging 158 yards rushing per game, sixth-best in the nation in Division II. It's also 81 percent of AIC's rushing offense and 47 percent of its total offense.

Beckles, who is averaging 180 all-purpose yards, is second on AIC's all-time rushing list with 3,510 yards, and the Yellow Jackets found out last week, in a 37-13 loss to Merrimack, exactly how important he is.

Beckles ran for 58 yards in an opening 67-yard drive, scoring on a 42-yard jaunt to give AIC a 7-0 lead. But after injuring his hip, he ran only a few more times. AIC wound up with 185 yards rushing, but take away Beckles' 10-for-73 performance and everyone else ran 40 times for 112 yards, and AIC did not score again until there were only 3 minutes, 38 seconds left to play.

So the question surrounding tomorrow's game at 1 p.m. at John Homer Miller Field is indeed, how fit is Marlon Beckles?

The answer will likely have the greatest effect of any one element on whether or not the Yellow Jackets can improve on their 3-2 Northeast-10 and overall record.

WNEC at MIT, tomorrow, 1:30: The Golden Bears absorbed a spanking last week, bowing to UMass-Dartmouth 37-7, and that defeat had consequences, the biggest of which is a change at quarterback, where second-year coach Keith Emery has replaced junior Pat Murphy with freshman Justin Walz.

Walz will be the third quarterback in six games this season for the Golden Bears, replacing junior Pat Murphy, who had stepped in when senior Jon Tallerico suffered a season-ending injury in the third game, but was having trouble moving the team in losses to Plymouth State and UMass-Dartmouth.

Walz went 9-for-19 passing for 114 yards and two interceptions last Saturday, and is 15-27 for 149 yards overall. He's also run 15 times for 45 yards.

Other offensive changes for the Golden Bears will see junior Mike Bishop starting at running back and senior Adam Keyser starting at a tackle spot. On defense, sophomore Lionel Houle of Granby will return after missing three games with an injury, and junior safety Bill Gutekunst, freshman nose guard Travis Bender and freshman linebacker Jay Evans will all get their first collegiate starts.

WNEC is 2-3 overall and 0-3 in the New England Football Conference, while MIT is 1-4 and 0-3 in the NEFC.

BROCKPORT at SPRINGFIELD, tomorrow, noon: The Chiefs pounded Husson 43-16 last Saturday to retain their No. 1 spot in New England for the fourth consecutive week.

Springfield, 5-0 overall and 2-0 in Empire 8 Football Conference games, also moved up two places to No. 17 in Don Hansen's Football Gazette poll, and retained their No. 22 ranking in the d3football.com rankings.

Springfield goes into the Brockport game led by quarterback Chris Sharpe, who leads the Division III in rushing offense with 162.8 yards per game. Of note: Three of SC five victories were over teams that are currently 4-0 in games besides their losses to the Chiefs.

FRAMINGHAM at WESTFIELD, tomorrow, 1 p.m.: Two winless teams enter, only one will leave. Both the Owls and the Rams are 0-5 overall and 0-3 in the Bogan Division of the NEFC.

Westfield has come close the last two weeks, dropping a 15-13 decision to Mass Maritime last week and a 15-11 game to Maine Maritime a week earlier. Westfield has won 10 straight in a series it leads 20-4. The Owls passing game (quarterback Dan Cohen of Wilbraham, receivers Scott McIntyre and Billy Stewart of Chicopee) could have a field day with the Rams defense, which is ranked last in the NEFC.

COLBY at AMHERST, tomorrow, 1 p.m.: The Lord Jeffs' fine start – 31-6 and 20-7 victories over Bates and Bowdoin, respectively – came to a grinding halt last week in a 7-3 loss to Middlebury, but historically, if there's a team Amherst would want to face the week after a loss, it's Colby.

Amherst is 24-4-1 in the series, which dates back to 1903, and has won the last 10 straight. Last year, quarterback Nick Kehoe threw for 210 yards and two touchdowns as the Lord Jeffs scored 28 second-half points in a 28-9 victory.

Kehoe is back and goes into this one 43-for-80 for 607 yards and three touchdowns.

Amherst will honor the late Jim Ostendarp, who coached the Lord Jeffs football team for 33 years and passed away last December, with a series of events this weekend. Ostendarp was the winningest football coach in Amherst history, retiring in 1992 with a 169-91-5 record.

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Hall of Fame dedication

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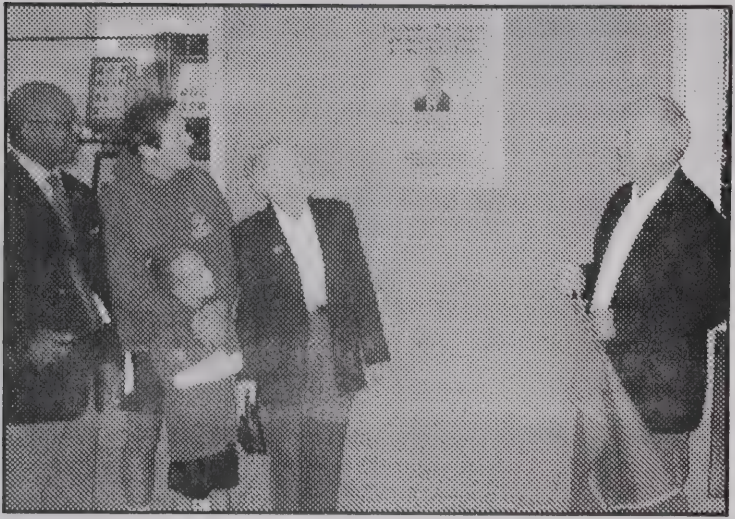

Bud Hagan, right, unveils the plaque in his honor as Westfield State dedicated its new athletics Hall of Fame area in the Woodward Center front lobby recently. The Hall of Fame area is called the Charles "Bud" Hagan Westfield State College Athletics Hall of Fame. Bud Hagan served as a coach, athletics director, dean of men and registrar for 34 years at the college, from 1956-1990. Also pictured from left to right are Dr. Arthur Jackson, Westfield State vice president of student affairs, and three members of Bud Hagan's family — son Jim, granddaughter Mairead, and wife Kathy.

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Pride remain sharp at 6-0

AIC, Westfield, WNEC win

By **JEANNE O'NEIL**
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Local roundup

SUNY Brockport didn't have an answer for Springfield College quarterback Chris Sharpe.

Sharpe, the nation's leading scorer in Division III, delivered all four touchdowns as host Springfield defeated Brockport 27-3 yesterday in a non-conference game at Benedum Field.

Unbeaten Springfield (6-0) is ranked No. 1 in New England.

Sharpe, a junior, finished with 135 rushing yards on 26 carries. He outdueled Brockport running back Garet Lynch, who was limited to only 60 yards on 16 carries. Sharpe and Lynch are two of the top three rushers in the country in Division III.

Brockport struck first, with Adam Lanctot's second-quarter field goal, but it was all Springfield – and Sharpe – from there. The quarterback culminated a six-play, 60-yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown run to provide SC with a 6-3 lead, which it carried into halftime. Sharpe later added runs of nine, one, and two yards.

Fullbacks Andrew Jackson (13 carries, 82 yards) and Dante Calabrese (9 for 53) each reeled off runs of 28 yards for SC.

AIC 21, Assumption 14: At Worcester, American International College snapped a two-game losing skid.

The Yellow Jackets (4-2, 4-2 Northeast 10) scored on their opening drive when Shane Murphy found Marcus Cameron for a 13-yard strike.

Murphy engineered a terrific 11-play, 56-yard possession in the second quarter, keyed by a 33-yard pass to Travis Poole. Dylan Barkoski caught a 2-yard TD toss to finish the drive and increase AIC's advantage.

Assumption responded with a touchdown, but with only 39 seconds left until halftime, Brian Kelly blocked an Assumption punt and Leon Mularski fell on the loose ball in the end zone to make it 21-7.

Running back Marlon Beckles was held scoreless for the first time this season, but managed to grind out 99 yards on 30 carries, and Murphy finished 11 of 21 for 111 yards and one interception for AIC.

Westfield St. 33, Framingham St. 0: Host Westfield State provided a perfect highlight to its Alumni Weekend by earning its first victory in convincing fashion.

Freshman tailback Jason Proulx rushed for 75 yards and a pair of touchdowns, and the Owls (1-5, 1-3 NEFC Bogan Division) converted three turnovers into points to put the game away in the second half.

Westfield took a 7-0 lead into intermission courtesy of a Dave Bergeron touchdown. On Framingham's opening drive of the second half, Owls linebacker Jay Fielding picked up his second fumble recovery on the Framingham 30-yard line. Four plays later, Proulx broke out for a 19-yard scoring run.

In the third quarter, Westfield's Brian Roach intercepted a pass at the Framingham 42, setting up another TD plunge by Bergeron eight plays later.

Fielding finished with a team-high 10 tackles for the Owls.

WNEC 42, MIT 25: At Cambridge, freshman quarterback Justin Walz made the most of his first collegiate start, completing a school-record 28 of 39 passes to spark the visiting Golden Bears.

Walz amassed 284 yards and threw for two touchdowns with an interception for WNEC (3-3, 1-3 Boyd Division), which halted a three-game slide. Kevin Miculcy (seven catches, 112 yards) proved a favorite target.

Golden Bears running back Jordan Capitanio rushed 23 times for 64 yards and tied a school mark with four TDs.

Amherst 38, Colby 3: Senior quarterback Nick Kehoe completed 21 of 31 passes for 330 yards and three touchdowns and did not have an interception as host Amherst rolled.

Aaron Rush and Anthony Fuller added rushing touchdowns for the Jeffs (3-1 NESCAC).

Jim Eckenrode's 12-yard reception late in the first half capped a three-play, 59-yard possession that took only 26 seconds and gave Amherst a 10-3 halftime lead. Eckenrode also had a 46-yard TD catch in the fourth quarter and finished with 85 receiving yards.

Williams 40, Middlebury 9: At Williamstown, unbeaten Williams (4-0 NESCAC) handed Middlebury (3-1) its first loss.

The Panthers took a 6-3 lead into the second quarter before the Ephs responded with an offensive surge. Brendan Fulmer (four receptions, 105 yards, two touchdowns) opened the door by scoring Williams' first touchdown on a 77-yard reception.

Quarterback Sean Gleeson finished 4 of 6 for 108 yards and two touchdowns, while running back Cory Catelli scored three second-half TDs for Williams.

Nichols 19, Plymouth St. 14: At Dudley, junior wide receiver Nicholas Kane of Holyoke hauled in a 12-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Michael Carven in the third quarter, and Anthony Pillari scored his second TD nine minutes later to lift host Nichols (4-2, 2-1 Boyd).

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OWLS FOOTBALL

WSC ends 2006

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The Westfield State football team hosts Worcester State today at Alumni Field in its regular season finale. Kickoff time for the Senior Day game is noon.

SENIOR SALUTE: Westfield State has four seniors on this year's team who will be playing in their final home game: David Bergeron, Rory McKeon, Matt Pawlishen, and Ryan Riley. Congratulations to the seniors and good luck in your future endeavors.

RECORDS: Westfield State is 1-7 following last week's 7-6 rain-drenched setback at Fitchburg State. Three of Westfield's last four losses have been by a total of six points. Worcester State has a 3-6 record. The Lancers lost at home to Bridgewater last week, 41-20. The previous week they lost at Coast Guard, 17-10. Worcester State had defeated Fitchburg, 21-7, Framingham, 26-14, and Nichols, 16-13. Close losses include: Curry, 10-7, Mass Maritime, 26-24, and Maine Maritime, 12-3.

LOOKING BACK: Westfield State leads the all-time series, 12-8. Worcester cruised to a 47-7 victory last season. Prior to that, the Owls had posted four straight victories.

SCOUTING THE LANCERS: The Lancers lead the conference in passing offense (199.8 yards per game) but rank 15th out 16 NEFC teams in rushing yards per game (72.2). Worcester State sophomore quarterback Pat Good leads the New England Football Conference in passing. He has completed 134 of 270 passes for 1,585 yards and 12 touchdowns. His favorite targets are Brian Doherty (43 catches, 430 yards, 3 touchdowns) and Matt Derosa (32 catches, 513 yards, 6 touchdowns). Senior Steve Kasprzak ranks fourth in the NEFC in all-purpose yards (105.9), including 428 rushing yards. The Lancers have a solid place kicking game as Tom Gabriel has converted 7 of 9 field goal attempts. Defensively, linebacker Perry Stauffer leads the team with 94 tackles. Sophomore defensive back Matt Leeds has six sacks. Senior lineman Anthony Figueiredo had 11 tackles for losses and five forced fumbles.

SCOUTING THE OWLS: The Owls are fourth in the NEFC in passing offense (157.8) but rank 13th in rushing offense (90.6). Westfield ranks second in pass defense but 15th in rushing defense (221.6 yards per game). Sophomore quarterback Dan Cohen has completed 94 of 192 passes for 1,134 yards and eight touchdowns. Junior Scott McIntyre has 46 receptions for 549 yards and four touchdowns, and junior Billy Stewart has 29 receptions for 388 yards. Freshman defensive back Josh Mathieu has a team-high four interceptions. Sophomore linebacker Jay Fielding ranks second in the NEFC with 85 tackles and four fumble recoveries. Senior strong safety Ryan Riley has 49 tackles and sophomore lineman Josh Leger has 11 tackles for losses.

LATE RESULTS

FOOTBALL

WSC 33, Framingham State 0

WESTFIELD - Freshman tailback back Jaosn Proulx rushed for 75 yards and two touchdowns in his first varsity start, and sophomore linebacker Jay Fielding had a team-high 10 tackles and two fumble recoveries to lead Westfield State to a 33-0 Alumni Weekend football victory over Framingham State on Oct. 14.

It was the first victory of the season for Westfield (1-5 overall, 1-3 NEFC Bogan Division). Framingham (0-6) remains winless.

Westfield only led 7-0 at halftime, but put away the game by converting three turnovers into touchdowns on its first three possessions of the second half.

Fielding recovered his second fumble of the game at the Framingham 30 on the Rams' opening drive of the second half. Four plays later, Proulx scored from 19 yards out on a brilliant run in which he broke at least three tackles.

On Framingham's next possession, Westfield defensive back Josh Mathieu scooped up a fumble after a pass reception and returned it 29 yards to the 2-yard line. Proulx promptly scored to give the Owls a 20-0 lead.

On the first play of Framingham's third possession of the third quarter, Westfield junior defensive back Brian Roach intercepted a pass at the Ram 42. Eight plays later, senior tailback Dave Bergeron scored from two yards out.

Bergeron - a fifth-year senior - scored Westfield's first-half touchdown from one yard out to cap a nine-play, 41-yard drive.

Westfield's final scoring drive was a 17-play, 95-yard drive that chewed up 8:19 off the clock. The drive was capped by fullback Tim Thomas' five-yard TD run with 10:13 left in the game.

The Owls finally got their ground game clicking, rushing for 232 net yards on 57 carries. Junior Dwayne Kirby led all rushers with 91 yards on 18 carries.

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Coast Guard sinks Westfield State

WESTFIELD — Junior quarterback Christian George and senior running back Josh Williams accounted for 443 yards in total offense and all five touchdowns to power Coast Guard Academy to a 35-21 New England Conference victory over Westfield State on Saturday.

It was the NEFC Bogan Division opener for both teams. Coast Guard is 2-1 overall, Westfield is 0-3.

Both George and Williams rushed for career highs as Coast Guard held off a valiant Westfield State comeback attempt. George carried the ball 12 times for 188 yards and a touchdown; he also completed nine of 15 passes for 113 yards and a touchdown. Williams scored three touchdowns, rushing for 142 yards on 15 carries.

Coast Guard took a 7-0 lead with 10:09 left in the first half on a 60-yard TD scamper by Williams. Williams scored less than four minutes later on a one-yard plunge to cap a 5-play, 44-yard drive.

Westfield scored its first touchdown of the season with 2:32 remaining in the first half on a seven-yard TD slant pass from sophomore quarterback Dan Cohen to junior receiver Scott McIntyre.

Westfield tied score at 14-all with 6:22 left in the third quarter on a beautiful over-the-shoulder 28-yard touchdown reception by junior Billy Stewart of Chicopee Comp High School.

Coast Guard took the ensuing kickoff and quickly marched 78 yards in six plays, with George scoring on a four-yard run.

The Owls came right back on the next possession to tie the score at 21-21. Junior fullback Tim Thomas capped the 51-yard drive with a one-yard TD plunge.

But Westfield was unable to stop the potent Coast Guard offense led by George and Williams, who scored the game-winning touchdown with 11:59 remaining on an eight-yard run.

Coast Guard scored its final touchdown on a 41-yard TD reception over the middle by tight end Mike Zielinski on a third-and-long situation.

The Bears racked up 526 yards in total offense to Westfield's 352. Senior running back Dave Bergeron had a fine game for the Owls with 120 yards on 27 carries. Cohen, a graduate of Minnechaug High School in Wilbraham, completed 22 of 34 passes for 233 yards and two scores. Stewart had 10 catches for 154 yards; McIntyre seven catches for 60 yards.

Sophomore linebacker Jack Gill led Coast Guard with 13 tackles. Freshman defensive back Josh Mathieu led Westfield with 10 tackles.

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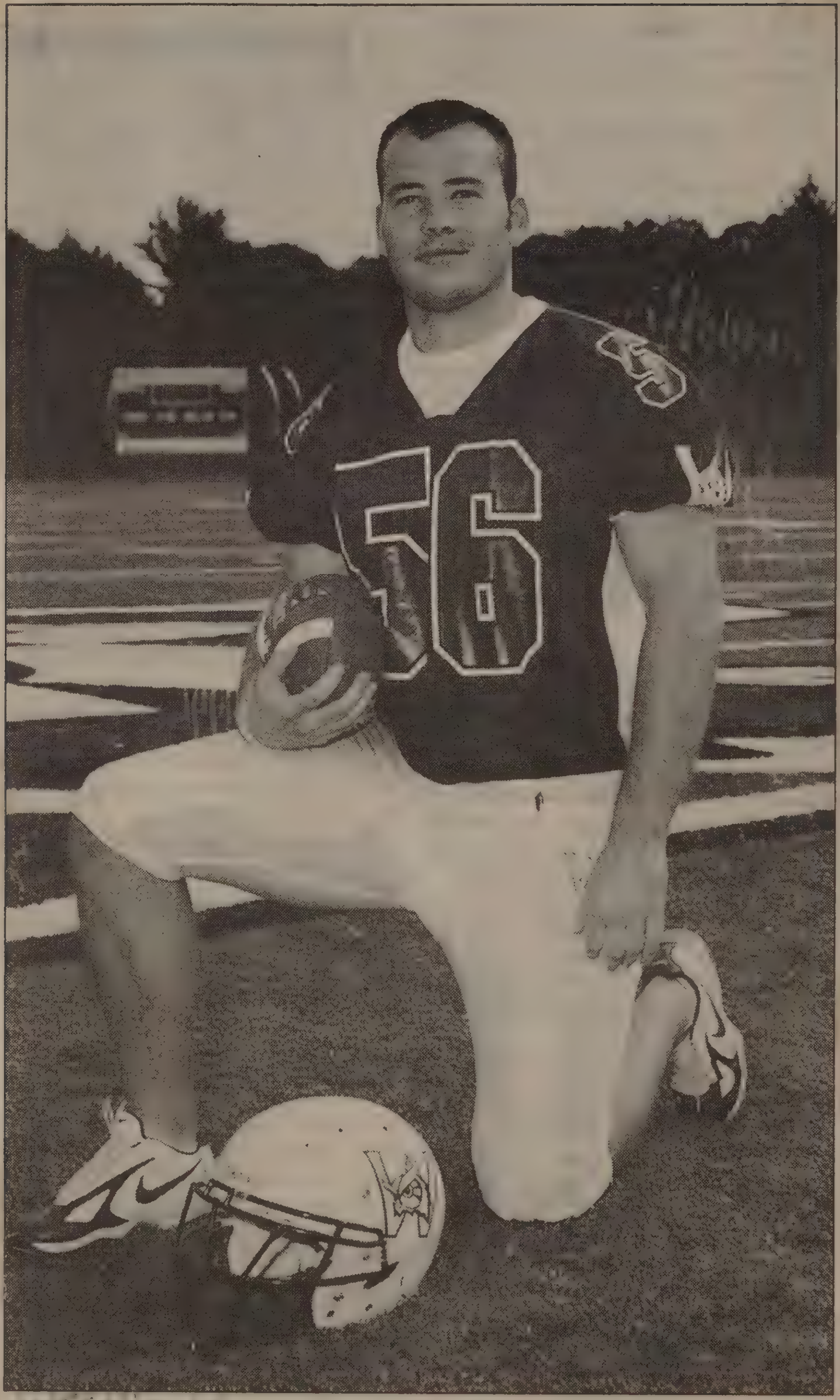

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Geoff Farrington of Belchertown was a junior member of the Westfield State College Football team this past fall. Farrington played defensive end for the Owls and posted 22 tackles, including four for losses.

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MMA place-kicker gives Owls the boot

DeOliveira FG lifts Bucs past Westfield State

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BUZZARDS BAY – Despite throwing three interceptions in the final quarter, the Massachusetts Maritime Academy football team received last-minute heroics from an unlikely source.

Backup place-kicker Gus DeOliveira booted a 25-yard field goal with 36 seconds left yesterday to give the Buccaneers an exciting 15-13 homecoming win over Westfield State before 2,344 fans at Edward Ellis Stadium.

Trailing 12-7 midway through the fourth quarter; the Owls (0-5) took a 13-12 advantage with 7:57 left when Josh Mathieu picked off a DeFrank pass and raced 54 yards for the go-ahead score.

Despite two more Joe DeFrank interceptions, MMA's defense stiffened and got the ball back to the offense. The Buccaneers marched down the field in the final three minutes to set up the game-winning kick by DeOliveira, a starting defensive back who replaced kicker Mike Sarapas earlier this season after a leg injury.

"We talk about our team about playing 60 minutes of football and today it paid off," said MMA head coach Jeremy Cameron, whose team improved to 3-2 overall, 2-1 in the New England Football Conference's Bogan Division. "Our defense was outstanding and kept giving us the ball back. Our secondary came through and shut down a talented passing attack."

MMA outgained the Owls in total yardage by a 363-206 margin and managed a good balance with 135 yards rushing and 228 in the air.

The Buccaneers held the Owls to just 38 yards rushing and 168 passing.

Despite being hampered with an injured left shoulder, DeFrank completed 19 of 36 passes for 223 yards and rushed for a touchdown, while freshman wide receiver Stefan Stauber enjoyed a monster game with a game-high 11 catches for 128 yards. Martyn Mason (Brewster) led MMA with 66 yards rushing, while Tom Stralka added 45 yards and a score.

Owls QB Dan Cohen went 14-for-32 for 168 yards and one TD to talented wide receiver Scott McIntyre, who hauled in seven catches for 75 yards.

MMA played without standout linebacker Kyle Audette, who sat out with a groin injury, but is expected to play next Saturday.

The Bucs engineered a 16-play, 78-yard scoring drive on their first possession, capped by a 6-yard touchdown run by Tom Stralka. Key plays were a 21-yard pass from DeFrank to Stauber and a 10-yard run by Stralka on third down inside the red zone.

Westfield State answered with a 14-yard scoring toss from Dan Cohen to Scott McIntyre with 3:29 left in the first quarter. The Owls kept the drive alive with a key fourth-down pass from Dan Cohen to McIntyre inside the 20-yard line.

Following an interception by MMA's Sam Sirrico midway through the second quarter, the Owls returned the favor when Mathieu recovered a fumble at midfield. A tackle behind the line of scrimmage by Derek Parent and a sack by Jim Erlwein forced Westfield State to punt.

On its first possession of the second half, MMA took a 12-7 advantage on a 2-yard keeper by DeFrank. The biggest gain on the drive was a 21-yard pass from DeFrank to Ed Villard to the Owls' 17.

The Owls seemingly sealed it on interceptions by Jay Fielding and Rick Angus late in the fourth quarter, but a clutch 34-yard pass from DeFrank to Ed Villard (three catches for 75 yards) brought ball down to the Westfield State 23 with 1:22 left.

DeFrank found Stauber for a 13-yard pass over the middle to the 10-yard line and with 36 seconds left DeOliveira split the uprights for the game-winner.

Westfield took the ensuing kickoff and marched quickly down to the MMA 21, where Rory McKeon's 37-yard field goal missed wide right as time elapsed.

Howard Hayes (seven tackles), Sirrico (6½ tackles, one interception), Aaron Miklosko (5½ tackles) and Tyler Andrews (five tackles) stood out defensively for MMA.

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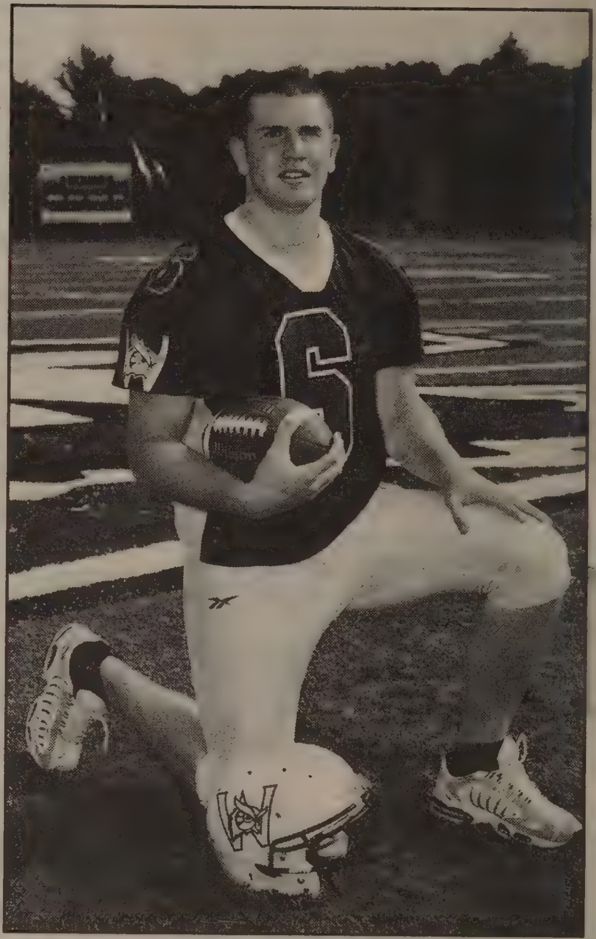
Dan Cohen of Wilbraham (Minnechaug High School) was a sophomore member of the Westfield State College Football team this past fall. Cohen was the starting quarterback for the Owls. In eight games, he completed 110 of 224 passes for 1,313 yards and seven touchdowns.



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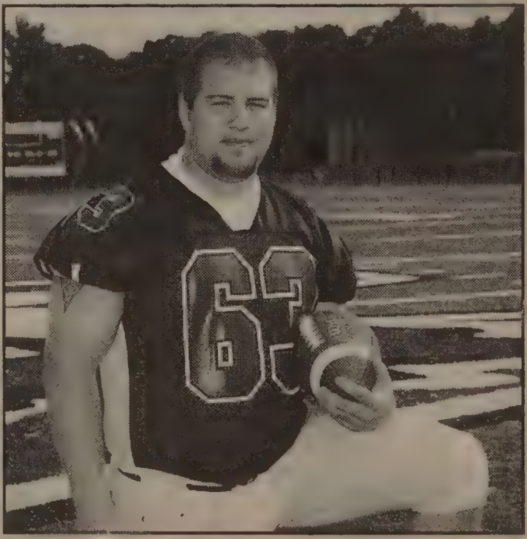
Jeff Bienvenue of Wilbraham (Minnechaug High School) was a junior member of the Westfield State College Football team this past fall. Bienvenue was the Owls' starting center on the offensive line for the third straight year. He was a second-team all-conference selection. He has been named a team captain for the 2007 season.



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AIC goes to 6-3 in home finale

Western New England receiver sets school mark for career yards

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The American International College football underclassmen were looking for a pick-me-up for the seniors playing in their final home game, and freshman defender Terrence Holley did some of the lifting.

Holley picked up a loose ball and ran for a 24-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter to cement a 28-6 victory over visiting Stonehill yesterday at John Homer Miller Field.

With the victory, AIC improved to 6-3, its best victory total since 2001. The Yellow Jackets have one game remaining, at Bentley Saturday.

"We wanted the seniors to go out on a good note," said Holley, who also ran back a fumble recovery for a touchdown against Bryant earlier in the season.

The Yellow Jackets were coming off a 22-13 loss at C.W. Post last week, a defeat that knocked them out of contention for a Northeast-10 championship.

Still, there was plenty to play for as they pressed on for one of their better seasons in years.

"It was tough (the loss to C.W. Post), but we had to be men about it and go about and do our job," Holley said. "All year long we've played well on defense."

Stonehill (1-9) managed only two field goals, and did not complete a pass in nine tries with senior Paul Stone, normally a wide receiver, starting at quarterback and going 0 for 8.

AIC senior running back Marlon Beckles rushed for 134 yards in his final home performance, and passed the 4,000-yard mark for his career.

Beckles, who trails only Kavin Gaillard (6,523 yards, 1996-99) in AIC career-rushing is at 4,097.

Beckles had two TD runs yesterday, a 7-yard carry nearly seven minutes into the first quarter to open the scoring, and one from the 20 with 9:50 left in the second to make it 12-3.

Jonathan Thorpe of East Longmeadow scored from nine yards out in the third quarter to account for the Yellow Jackets other score.

AIC coach Art Wilkins acknowledged that his team had a hard time mentally dealing with last week's defeat.

"It's been difficult for them coming back from any loss, not just C.W. Post," Wilkins said. "They struggled after all three losses, they hate to lose, and they felt horribly. That feeling went on right into (Friday) night when we had a prayer meeting."

Wilkins said this edition has worked as hard as any team he's had.

"And for them not to give up a touchdown is the kind of memory, for them and their parents, to give the seniors in their last home game," Wilkins said.

Local colleges

Wilkins said that the finale at Bentley has meaning.

"7 and 3 is better than 6 and 4, and would better represent the caliber of play of this team," he said.

Yellow Jackets senior quarterback Jared Corbin connected on 9 of 19 passes for 157 yards.

Kertis Hussey had three receptions with Travis Poole, Tyler Scaccia and Beckles pulling in two apiece.

On defense, Holley participated in a team-high 11 tackles. Carlos Cataquet was in on eight.

Nichols 26, WNEC 13: At Dudley, junior wide receiver Kevin Miculcy set a school record for career receiving yards in the Golden Bears' finale.

Miculcy has amassed 1,903 receiving yards, surpassing Mike Roach's 1,818 set between the 1995-98 seasons.

Miculcy also set a record for receiving yards in a season, with 802.

Sophomore running back Jordan Capitanio did his part for WNEC (5-4) with a game-high 99 yards on 15 carries. East Longmeadow's Jim Katany scored on a fumble recovery.

Trinity 24, Amherst 0: At Hartford, Conn., the Jeffs couldn't contain Trinity senior running back Gennaro Leo, who rushed 41 times for a career-high 194 yards and scored a touchdown to spark the Bantams.

Trinity, which won its 23rd consecutive home game, moved to 6-1 and into second place in the New England Small College Athletic Conference standings behind unbeaten Williams.

Amherst fell to 5-2 in the NESCAC heading into its Little Three Championship showdown with Williams.

Senior quarterback Nick Kehoe was 23 of 44 for 183 yards.

Williams 51, Wesleyan 21: At Williamstown, Brendan Fulmer became the school leader for career touchdown receptions by hauling in his 17th for the Ephs. Williams (7-0) will try for a perfect finish Saturday at Amherst.

Worcester St. 20, Westfield St. 16: The host Owls were poised at the 3-yard line with 10 seconds remaining, but Worcester State broke up three passing plays to preserve the New England Football Conference victory.

Senior Rory McKeon kicked field goals of 32, 21, and 34 yards in the finale for Westfield State (1-8). Scott McIntyre caught in a 4-yard pass from Dan Cohen (16-32, 172 yards) for the Owls' lone touchdown.

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Westfield pulls out thriller over WNEC

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With less than seven minutes remaining, there wasn't much doubt that the Westfield State College football team was about to lose its opening night contest with rival Western New England College. The Golden Bears had just experienced the ultimate emotional lift.

The game was tied 7-7, and Westfield was on the 6-yard line ready to go in for the go-ahead score, or at least chip shot an easy field goal. But the Owls fumbled, and not only did WNEC recover, but Alex Barwikowski picked up the ball, broke out of the pack, and ran 94 yards for the Golden Bears touchdown.

The Golden Bears bench, and the fans behind it were jubilant, the Owls and their supporters stunned.

But not for long.

Westfield State came back to win 14-13 in an amazing series of events to capture the President's Trophy contest before over 2,500 fans at Westfield State's Alumni Field.

After Barwikowski's TD run, the Golden Bears missed the point after attention. And although WNEC stopped Westfield on its next series, the Golden Bears fumbled on their own 13 with 4:24 left, and Owls' senior linebacker Jim Fennelly pounced on the loose ball.

Westfield quarterback Mike Lorenzano then ran six yards to the WNEC 7 before connecting on the right side with senior wide receiver Tim Tonotonoz of Chicopee for the winning score.

"The defense kept us in the game," said Tontonoz, who described the winning pass as a routine hitch pattern.

"They hit me at the goal line, but I reached over that extra couple of inches to get the ball over," Tontonoz said.

Westfield coach Steve Marino said that the coaching staff had gotten on Tontonoz earlier in the game when they felt he didn't complete a route going out for a pass.

"But he didn't sulk, he said, okay coach, and came back," Marino said. "He made a couple of great catches. I'm proud of him."

Mark Puchalski of South Deerfield had given Westfield the lead by scoring from two yards out with 3:24 left in the first half.

WNEC tied it after Dan Ballantine picked off a pass and moved to the Westfield 8. Justin White ran it in from the 1 with 9:37 to play in the third quarter.

"I'm exhausted," Lorenzano said after the emotional roller coaster. "The defense came up huge. If the defense didn't get the ball, we couldn't have won."

The loss spoiled the first game for new WNEC head coach Keith Emery.

Bentley 28, AIC 7: At Waltham, Bentley sophomore quarterback Kelly Row threw two touchdown passes and ran for 136 yards as the Yellow Jackets fell to 0-2.

David Ihedigbo of Amherst blocked a punt, and Marlon Beckles picked up the ball and ran 14 yards for a touchdown for the only AIC score.

Bentley improved to 2-1.

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WESTFIELD STATE

15 athletes named all-conference

WESTFIELD — 11-4-06 Fifteen Westfield State College athletes representing four sports were named to the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MACAC) all-conference teams.

Heading the list is Megan Wolski, who was selected the MASCAC field hockey Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.

Wolski led the conference in scoring with 40 points, including 18 goals scored and seven game-winning goals for the 10-7 Owls. The junior forward from Plymouth, Mass., set school records during the season for most career goals (45) and most career points (106). Westfield State head coach Heather Cabral is the previous record holder in both categories; her four-year totals are 43 goals and 99 points.

A total of seven field hockey players were all-conference. Wolski was a first team selection along with senior midfielder Kate Anderson (Georgetown) and junior back Jacqui Turner (Boxboro). Anderson is a four-time all-conference selection and holds the school record for career assist with 23.

Second-team field hockey picks were senior goalie Cat Hanks (Somers, CT), senior back Missy Alcorn (Waltham), sophomore midfielder Vicky Winson (Upton) and senior forward Shanna Litterst (Falmouth).

Litterst is a three-time all-conference pick. She was the team's second leading scorer with 20 points (7 goals, 6 assists).

Litterst also was second-team all-conference in the 12-team Little East Conference, while Wolski was a first-team selection.

Three members of both the men's and women's soccer teams were all-conference. Senior forward Dave Nalewanski of Easthampton was a first-team choice for the third consecutive season. He is the second leading scorer for the Owls' NCAA Tournament team with 15 points (5 goals, 5 assists).

Senior defender Matt Ross (Wareham) and sophomore midfielder Jeff Trudeau (Swansea) were second-team selections.

In women's soccer, the Owls had three second-team all-conference players: senior forward Kate McMillan (Belchertown), sophomore midfielder Jenn Leveille (Southampton), and freshman standout forward Meg Gearin (Groton, MA).

McMillan was a second-team selection for the fourth consecutive year. Gearin led the conference in scoring with 27 points (11 goals, 5 assists).

In volleyball, senior standout Lindsay Dalene (East Hartland, CT) was a first-team pick for the third straight year. Junior libero player Krista Grifoni (Peabody) was a second teamer.

Named conference coaches of the year were: Matt Noyes (men's soccer), Todd Ditmar (women's soccer), and Fred Glanville (volleyball). Bob Rausch was coach of the year for both men's and women's cross country.

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SC's Daly nearly perfect

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Men's basketball

It was an almost perfect day for Springfield College's Gregg Daly.

The junior forward went 8 for 9 from the field and 8 for 8 from the free throw line en route to a career-high 26 points. Daly and the Pride defeated visiting Clark 89-83 in overtime yesterday at Blake Arena.

Springfield improved to 10-10, 5-2 in the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference. The visitors from Worcester would not go away quietly, however.

The Pride began the second half on a 21-10 run to take a 54-42 lead with 11:22 remaining. The Cougars clawed back into it with an 18-5 run to grab a 60-59 lead with 5:07 left.

A 75-73 Springfield victory looked to be in the cards until Peter Normandin's layup with 0.2 second left sent the game to overtime.

Foul shooting proved the key to Springfield's success, as the Pride sank 8 of 10 attempts over the final 2:20 to preserve the victory.

Aside from Daly, three other Springfield players scored in double figures. Anthony Pizzo tied a career high with 17 points, Jamaal Gibbs scored 16, and Damian Farley had 13.

Normandin led Clark (7-10, 1-5) with 22 points.

Amherst 73, Bowdoin 55: Coach Dave Hixon's Lord Jeffs reached their magic number of 20 victories and made school history with a big road victory.

Amherst set a school record with its 20th straight victory, breaking the old mark of 19 set two seasons ago. At 20-0, the Jeffs have a great chance of vaulting from No. 2 into the top spot in the next D3hoops.com national rankings. No. 1 Wisconsin-Stevens Point lost earlier this week.

Sophomore Brian Baskauskas led the way with 18 points, while 6-foot-10 center Kevin Hopkins chipped in with 16. Dan Wheeler tossed in 12.

AIC 76, Saint Michael's 75: The visiting Yellow Jackets erased a 63-55 deficit over the final 10 minutes to claim an important Northeast-10 Conference victory at Colchester, Vt.

Senior Magen McNeil led a balanced attack with 19 points, 13 rebounds and four steals. Vernon Dupree also had 19 points, and Lucius Millinder scored 18.

AIC (11-9, 9-6) shot 51 percent in the second half to claim the win. Saint Michael's (13-7, 10-5) scored the final five points of the game to give AIC a scare.

Westfield State 95, Mass.-Liberal Arts 67: Curtis Gadles followed up his 29-point performance Thursday with 30 yesterday to lead the visiting Owls to victory at North Adams.

Gadles made 10 of 18 shots from the floor and 5 of 6 from the foul line. He also pulled down 10 rebounds as Westfield improved to 13-6 (4-2 MASCAC). Dave Jaehnig added 24.

Dave Bisesi's 24 points were tops for MCLA (5-13, 1-5).

Williams 86, Middlebury 79: Junior Chris Rose led the way with 30 points and eight rebounds as the visiting Ephs were victorious in NESCAC action.

Chris Shalvoy added 21 points and seven assists shut down Middlebury point guard Ben Rudin.

Williams (10-9, 3-2) shot 52.1 percent from the floor in the second half, outscoring Middlebury 47-34.

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Owls struggle after fast start

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Local college notes

After a rousing start to the 2006-07 season, one in which it won eight of its first nine games, the Westfield State College men's basketball team is struggling.

It's struggling to play .500 ball – the 12-6 Owls are 4-5 since Dec. 16. It's struggling to score points – the Owls have averaged 63.5 points in those five defeats. And, most importantly, according to head coach Ryan Sutter, Westfield has struggled to maintain a consistent level of effort.

That's the part that bothers Sutter.

"We have had some highs and lows that have been created by inconsistency of effort. When they put forth the effort, they're pretty hard to beat, and when they don't, they're capable of being beaten by anybody," says Sutter, who has led the Owls to four straight winning seasons.

Sutter is not necessarily making a simple equation that links effort and victory. There are just times when the five people on the court wearing a different color are not only giving an equal effort, but they play basketball better. But otherwise . . .

"Against Elms on the road, that was a good (84-75) win, and I think that might have been our best 40 minutes of the year," he says. "They're a good program. I think our 40 minutes against Springfield (75-72 victory) was pretty good, as well.

"There have been other games where we haven't been able to sustain the effort."

Of Westfield's six losses, three have come on the road to Trinity, Bridgewater and Salem State, teams that now have a combined 37-8 record. And he thought his team put out in a 75-73 overtime loss to Western

last night, Sutter says, is to find their identity. He's ready to settle on a tighter rotation and for the Owls to make a stretch run.

TOUGH ROAD AHEAD: The next five days should be a good test for second-ranked – that's in all of Division III nation, people – Amherst.

Make that a grueling test.

The unbeaten Lord Jeffs, who trail only University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in the Division III Coaches Poll-D3hoops.com Top 25, are in the midst of a stretch in which they play four games in eight days, culminating with another Top 25 team, Rhode Island College.

Amherst opened the stretch with their 18th victory in as many games, an easy 111-67 spanking of Southern Vermont. But the Jeffs play their next three on the road. There's Colby (10-8) tonight at 7, followed only 19 hours later by Bowdoin (9-6) tomorrow at 2.

The toughest game of the stretch awaits Tuesday at Rhode Island College against the 15-2 Anchormen, who just debuted in the poll this week at No. 22.

Former Cathedral High School standout Kamari Williams, who was out at the beginning of the season with some tendinitis problems, has returned and is coming off the bench for the Anchormen, averaging 6.5 points in 13 minutes a game.

HONORS FOR AIC: When American International College travels to St. Michaels tomorrow for a 3:30 game, there will be two cited players by the Northeast-10 on the bus.

Aikeem Vanderhorst, a 6-3 forward, averaged 14 points and eight rebounds in three games last week and was named

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Westfield State wins pair of wild ones

1/26/07

WESTFIELD — Senior forward Curtis Gadles (Pembroke) scored 29 points, including the game-winning 3-point basket with 9/10ths of a second remaining, to lead Westfield State to an 82-79 comeback victory over Framingham State on Thursday.

After a sluggish start (four points in the first half), Gadles exploded for 25 points in the final 13:28 to lead the Owls from a 10-point deficit.

Gadles' heavily defended game-winning 3-pointer came from the deep right baseline. The game wasn't over yet, however, as Framingham's Derek Wigman (Pembroke) grabbed the inbounds pass just over the Gadles' outstretched hands 10 feet past mid-court. Wigman's desperation buzzer beater hit the side of the rim to end the wild game.

Framingham (7-11, 1-5) jumped out to a 9-0 lead in the game's opening two minutes and led at halftime, 39-38. The Rams led by 10 points three times in the second half. Trailing 66-56, Westfield (12-6, 3-2), went on a 12-0 run - sparked by two 3-point baskets by Gadles - for a 68-66 lead with 4:44 remaining.

The teams then traded baskets. Framingham's Josue Almodover - a 6-4 sophomore forward from Holyoke who led all scorers with 31 points - tied the score at 79-79 on a driving layup with six seconds remaining. Westfield inbounded the ball and called timeout with five seconds remaining to set up Gadles' game-winner.

Gadles posted a double-double as he finished with a game-high 13 rebounds; he also had five steals.

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Westfield's second leading scorer was sophomore guard Dave Jaehnig (Quincy), who scored 12 of his 14 points in the first half and fouled out with 7:28 remaining when he committed his third charging foul. Senior guard Gavin Illangakoon (Ellington, CT) had 13 points, seven assists and four steals.

Wigman finished with 15 points for the Rams and Michael Costa (Holbrook) had 11 points, five assists and four steals.

The teams combined for 50 personal fouls and 50 turnovers, led by Framingham (30 fouls, 27 turnovers). The teams shot a combined 9 for 41 from 3-point range. Westfield only shot 52 percent (19 for 36) from the foul line.

WOMEN'S HOOPS
Westfield State 71, Framingham State 69 (OT)

WESTFIELD - Sophomore forward Andrea Wasuk (Lenox) had 22 points and 15 rebounds, and made the game-winning free throws to lift Westfield State to a wild 71-69 overtime victory over Framingham State.

Framingham (6-10 overall, 0-6 conference) mounted a furious comeback in the final four minutes of regulation. The Rams trailed by 14 points, 63-49, with 3:52 remaining. But they outscored Westfield 15-1 for a 64-all deadlock at the end of regulation.

Sparking the Ram comeback were senior guard Tea Siv (Easthampton), who poured in a game-high 25 points, and junior forward Christina Bordini (Chelmsford), who had 19 points and 16 rebounds.

Framingham scored 14 unanswered points to tie the score at 63-all on two free throws by Bordin with 1:06 left in regulation.

Westfield (7-10, 2-3), which di not make a field goal in the fina five minutes of regulation, wen ahead 64-63 on a free throw by Sarah Boudreau with 13 second remaining. But the Westfield freshman point guard fouled out six seconds later when she was called for blocking foul against Siv.

Siv made the second of two fre throws to send the game into overtime, as a Wasuk layup came afte the final buzzer had sounded.

Junior forward Betty Dely score Westfield's first four points, including its lone field goal following a offensive rebound, to give the Owl a 68-67 lead with 2:41 left in overtime.

Framingham scored its fina points and regained the lead, 69-68, on a Bordini layup at the 1:11 mark.

Wasuk while fouled while grabbing a defensive rebound with 18 seconds remaining. She calmly drained both shots for a 70-69 Westfield lead.

Siv took the final shot for Framingham with four seconds remaining, a short off balance jumper from the right side that was heavily defended by Westfield's Krista Corriveau. The shot glanced off the side of the rim.

Wasuk grabbed the rebound with two seconds remaining and made one of two free throws. A desperation shot by Siv at the buzzer fell way short.

Westfield took a 32-29 halftime as Corriveau drained a 3-point buzzer beater.

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Gadles' 34 points pace hot-shooting Westfield past MCLA

2/24/07

WESTFIELD – Senior swingman Curtis Gadles (Pembroke) poured in a career-high 34 points to power Westfield State to a 101-91 victory over MCLA in the regular season finale.

Westfield (15-10, 6-6) clinched a home game as the No. 3 seed in the conference's post-season tournament with the high-scoring victory. Westfield hosts Framingham State on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 7:00 p.m. in an opening round game. The conference semifinals and finals are scheduled for No. 1 seed Salem State on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23-24.

MCLA finishes its season 6-19 and 1-11.

Both teams scorched the nets in the first half in a brilliant shooting display. MCLA shot 77 percent from the floor in the game's first 10 minutes but still trailed, 34-27. The Owls, meanwhile, were shooting 73 percent from the floor midway thru the first half.

The Owls shot an identical 62 percent from the field in both halves. After shooting 64 percent in the first half, MCLA cooled off a bit in the second half, and Westfield took advantage.

Leading 70-62, the Owls went on a 15-5 run in less than three minutes to take its biggest lead, 85-67, with 10:05 remaining.

Gadles keyed the scoring surge with three straight 3-point baskets. With just under 11 minutes remaining, the 6-5 senior already had 30 points and was an incredible 7-for-7 from 3-point range. A tired Gadles missed his final three 3-point attempts to finish one shy of the school record for most 3-points in a game (eight twice by Jim Bruno).

MCLA kept the game close with its own superb 3-point shooting. Just over half of the Trailblazers' 31 field goals were from beyond the arc, where they shot 16-for-33.

MCLA closed within eight points, 91-83, on a 3-pointer by Adam Garner with 3:19 remaining. But Westfield survived the visitors' final comeback bid.

Three players scored 20 or more points for MCLA. Garner scored his 1,000 career point in his final collegiate game with a free throw at the 10:33 mark of the first half. The senior from North Adams (Drury High School) scored 20 points and finishes with 1,007 career points.

Junior guards Dave Bisesi and Jared Martin both tallied 24 for the Trailblazers. Martin was 6-for-10 from 3-point range and Bisesi was 4-for-5.

Westfield senior point guard Gavin Illangakoon (Ellington, CT) finished with 19 points and sophomore guard Dave Jaehnig (Quincy) had 17 points and a team-high nine rebounds. Junior guard Ryan Mauer (Pittsfield) added 16 points.

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Owls win, will play for title

Staff reports

Curtis Gadles recorded a game-high 24 points as the Westfield State College men's basketball team defeated Bridgewater State 59-49 to advance to the championship game of the Massachusetts State Conference postseason tournament in Salem.

Westfield State (17-10) reached its first conference title game in 14 years. The Owls will meet top-seeded Salem State today at 2.

Gavin Illangakoon scored 18 points and Matt Badjo grabbed 12 rebounds for the Owls.

2006-2007

WSC reaps rewards for its stellar season

3-2-07

Local notebook

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The Westfield State College men's basketball team is beginning to reap the rewards of its fine season, with two being selected for the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference all-conference teams.

The Westfield women's team, not so successful at 10-16, got some MASCAC sugar of its own, with sophomore forward Andrea Wasuk of Lenox making the all-conference second team.

Senior Curtis Gadles was selected for the MASCAC first team and classmate Gavin Illangakoon for the second.

Gadles led the Owls in scoring with a 20.4 average. He added 845 points at Westfield to 523 he scored in two years at Mount Ida College for a career total of 1,368. The 6-foot-5 swingman also led the Owls in rebounding (7.9 per game) and 3-point shooting (43 percent).

Illangakoon averaged 12.3 points this season and led the team in assists (4.3) and free-throw shooting (75 percent).

Wasuk led the Owls in scoring (14.0), rebounding (7.7) and field goal shooting (48 percent).

In other Westfield news, the Owls women's swimming and diving team completed the best dual meet season (9-1) in the program's 25-year history.

The Owls next proceeded to take a history-making fourth place at the New England Swimming and Diving Championships, with freshman Lindsay Malboeuf setting a school record of 29:27 in the 50 backstroke.

WNEC: Jim Bayne and Jen Dabrowski are collecting Great Northeast Athletic Conference hardware.

Bayne was named GNAC Player of the Year recently, topping a junior season in which he went over the 1,000 career-point mark (1,040) and led the Golden Bears in scoring (14.2), rebounding (8.8) and free throw percentage (.813).

The forward, who sat out his sophomore season for academic reasons, was also named to the All-GNAC first team, while teammates Asif Abdul Wadud of Springfield and Matt Maynard were selected to the third team.

Even coach Mike Theulen was given some huzzahs for GNAC regular-season title (14-2) and WNEC's 19-8 overall mark. The third-year Bears coach was named GNAC Coach of the Year.

Dabrowski, meanwhile, was named to the women's first team. She averaged a team-best 16.1 points and led in free throw percentage (.880) and field goal percentage (.465) as she led the Golden Bears to a 15-12 record that included a sizzling 10-2 mark down the stretch.

ELMS: Freshmen Liz Walker of Holyoke, Marie Waterhouse of East Longmeadow and coach Bill Tyler of Amherst have all been cited by the GNAC and the New England Swimming and Diving Association.

Walker was named GNAC Swimmer of the Year following her winning two titles (50-and 100-yard breastroke) at the GNAC Championships and another (100 breast) at the NEISDA Championships. Walker, who also had a second and a third at the NEISDA meet, set 23 individual school records during the regular season.

Waterhouse was named GNAC Rookie of the Year. She won the 50-yard backstroke with a GNAC-record 29.36, and had second-and third-place finishes in the 400 IM and 200 back, respectively. She set 21 individual school records this year.

Tyler was named GNAC Coach of the Year for the second time and NEISDA Coach of the Year for the first.

SC: Pride middle blocker Andrew Sipe has been named Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association Hay Division Player of the Week.

The sophomore had six blocks and six kills in a victory over New Jersey Institute of Technology and eight kills and seven blocks in a win over Rivier College.

SC is 13-5 after beating Harvard on Saturday for its 13th win in its last 15 matches. The star of that one? Andy Sipe, who had seven kills and a career-high 13 blocks.

HCC: The Cougars women's basketball team will be the top seed for the NJCAA New England Division III tournament at Holyoke Community Saturday and Sunday.

Holyoke won the Massachusetts Community College championship recently by beating Quinsigamond CC of Worcester for its 19th victory in 22 games.

Sophomore Dom Finkley of Easthampton scored 20 to lead the Cougars, who also got big contributions from Tara Henson and Erin Russell of Northampton, over the Lady Chiefs.

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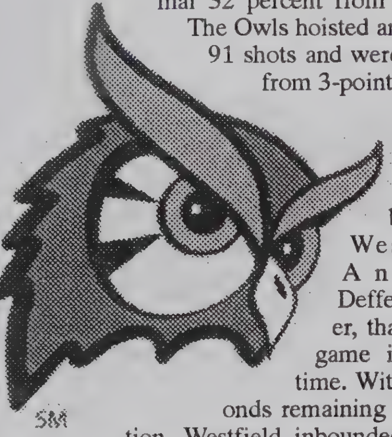
WSC men's hoops team suffers wild OT loss

MEN'S HOOPS
Bridgewater State 75,
Westfield State 74
(OT)

Junior guard Tom Cuddihy (Scituate) converted a 3-point play with 6.8 seconds remaining to lift Bridgeawater State to a 75-74 overtime victory over Westfield State in a wild Mass. State Conference game on Jan. 30.

Bridgewater, 13-5 overall and 6-1 in the conference, outlasted Westfield (13-7, 4-3) despite squandering a 19-point first-half lead. Westfield managed to send the game into overtime despite shooting a dismal 32 percent from the field.

The Owls hoisted an amazing 91 shots and were 4-for-22 from 3-point range.



It was a dramatic 3-point basket by Westfield's Andrew Deffer, however, that sent the game into overtime. With 2.4 seconds remaining in regulation, Westfield inbounded the ball near its bench. Senior point guard Gavin Illangakoon lofted a perfect crosscourt pass to a wide open Deffer, who drained the trey from the left baseline with 6/10ths of a second remaining to tie the score at 66-66.

A chief reason Westfield was able to battle back from the huge deficit because it only committed nine turnovers while forcing 21 Bridgewater turnovers.

The Owls only shot 25 percent in the first half as they trailed at the intermission, 37-27. Trailing 36-17, Westfield went on a 10-1 run in the four minutes of the half to nearly slice the deficit in half.

Westfield closed to within two points, 45-43, with 12:54 remaining, but Bridgewater went on a 7-0 run against the cold-shooting Owls for a 52-43 lead at the 9:05 mark.

The Owls finally took their first lead, 61-60, since the start of the game when Curtis Gadles converted an old fashioned 3-point play with 2:19 left in regulation.

But Bridgewater didn't fold and regained the lead, 66-63, until Deffer's last-second heroics.

The teams traded baskets in the overtime with Westfield taking a 74-72 lead on a driving layup by Dave Jaehnig with 26 seconds remaining.

Bridgewater's Adam Rose missed a shot underneath with nine seconds remaining, and following a scramble for the rebound the Bears were awarded the ball underneath their basket.

Rose inbounded the ball to Cuddihy, who was cutting to the basket. Cuddihy converted the layup and was fouled. He then sank the game-winning free throw.

Westfield had one final chance to win the game, but Illangakoon's 3-point attempt from the top of the key at the buzzer hit the front of the rim.

Cuddihy scored a game-high 18 points in the Bears' balanced attack. Rose had 16 points and Roland Millen contributed 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Gadles scored a game-high 22 points despite being saddled with first-half foul problems. Jaehnig scored 16 points and grabbed a team-high eight rebounds. Illangakoon finished with 12 points, seven assists and four steals.

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Salem defeats Westfield in MASCAC championship

3/3/07

SALEM - Salem State (24-2) erased a six point half-time deficit by receiving 22 second half points from senior swingman Eric Downie (Medford) en route to a 72-62 victory over Westfield State (17-11) in the championship game of the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC) postseason tournament held at James Twohig Gymnasim.

SSC, which won has won 17 straight games, earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Division 3 playoffs for the 21st time in school history by capturing the program's 14th MASCAC tournament title.

It was Westfield's third appearance in the tournament championship game. Salem also defeated Westfield State in the tournament finals in 1991 and 1993.

Downie, the reigning two-time MASCAC player of the year, exploded for a game-high 30 points, shooting 11-for-24 from the field and 7-for-9 from the line. He also grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds. Downie scored 22 of SSC's 49 second half points. Junior guard Marquis Victor (Lawrence) added 14 points, a team-high three assists and two steals for the Vikings. Sophomore center Dylan Holmes (Groton) recorded 10 points and collected nine rebounds for the winners.

Westfield State received 12 points from sophomore forward Dave Jaehnig (Quincy) en route to a 29-23 lead over the Vikings (23-2) at the break.

Salem made its only two 3-point baskets in the opening 1:30 of the second half to quickly take a 31-29 lead. The Vikings led by single digits for most of the second half and pulled away in the closing minutes.

Leading 54-52 with 4:48 remaining, Salem parlayed three Westfield turnovers into an 8-0 run for a 62-52 lead at the 2:39 mark.

The Owl were led by senior forward Curtis Gadles' (Pembroke) team-high 22 points and six rebounds. Jaehnig (Quincy) added 15 points while sophomore forward Matt Badjo (Worcester) and junior guard Ryan Mauer (Pittsfield) registered 10 points each for WSC. Badjo led all Owl rebounders with nine.

2006 - 2007

Owls beat Bears, 59-49; Advance to MASCAC championship game

SALEM – Senior forward Curtis Gadles (Pembroke) scored a game-high 24 points and senior guard Gavin Illangakoon (Ellington, CT) tallied 18 points to propel Westfield State to a 59-49 victory over Bridgewater State in the semifinals of the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament.

Westfield, 17-10, advances to its first conference tournament championship game in 14 years. Westfield faces No. 1 seed Salem State in Saturday's title tilt, set for Salem at 2:00 p.m. Second seeded Bridgewater – which defeated Westfield twice during the regular season – finishes 17-8. Salem State came back from a six-point halftime deficit to defeat Worcester State, 74-63, in the other semifinal game.

The game was a defensive struggle from the start. The Owls did lead by as many as seven points in the first half, but Bridgewater battled back to tie the score at halftime, 29-29.

Westfield led for the entire second half but could never put away Bridgewater until the final minutes. Consecutive 3-point baskets by Gadles and Illangakoon gave the Owls a 44-35 lead with 9:08 remaining.

Bridgewater whittled the lead to four points, but Illangakoon drained a huge 3-pointer – a 24-footer from the top of the key – for a 50-43 Westfield lead with 2:53 remaining.

The Bears – who were plagued by poor shooting - failed to make a comeback in the closing minutes. For the game, Bridgewater shot 32 percent from the field, including 4-for-19 from beyond the arc. The Bears also shot 50 percent (11 for 22) from the foul line. In the second half, Bridgewater only made six field goals and shot 21 percent (6 for 28) from the field.

Westfield shot 35 percent from the floor, but the Owls were 8 for 21 from 3-point land. The Owls also outrebounded Bridgewater, 47-37.

Illangakoon played a fine all around floor game with four rebounds, four assists, and four steals. Gadles had nine rebounds. Sophomore forward Matt Badjo (Worcester) did not score, but he ripped down a game-high 12 rebounds. Sophomore guard Dave Jaehnig (Quincy) added 12 key points.

Senior forward Derek Thompson (Hyannis) scored a team-high 17 points for the Bears. Junior guard Tom Cuddihy (Scituate) scored 10 points but only shot 3-for-15 from the field, including 3-for-11 from 3-point range.

Westfield State's Superfans - led by Mark Jaehnig - father of sophomore standout Dave Jaehnig - cheered the Owls on to victory over Bridgewater State.

Amherst steams SC; WNEC nips Westfield

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Local

The Amherst College men's basketball team found its momentum early in yesterday's game against Springfield College, and the Lord Jeffs simply continued to pick up steam.

Amherst opened up a 17-point lead in the first half and led by as many as 40 in the second half en route to a 91-52 victory over Springfield in the concluding game of the Pioneer Valley Classic at Amherst.

Senior Tim McLaughlin paved the way for Amherst (5-0) with 19 points, six assists, and four steals. He made two steals to keep alive an 11-0 run by the Jeffs late in the opening half, a frame in which Amherst shot 58 percent from the floor.

Springfield (2-4) attempted to throw off Amherst's rhythm with man-to-man defense to start the second half, but the Jeffs kept scoring. Dan Wheeler contributed 15 points and nine rebounds to the effort.

Damian Farley's 10 points led the Pride (0-2 in the tourney).

WNEC 75, Westfield St. 73: At Amherst, Ryan Hernandez hit a jump shot with 20 seconds remaining in overtime, and that proved to be enough as Western New England College handed Westfield State its first loss.

WNEC (2-4) and Westfield State (5-1) both finished 1-1 in the Pioneer Valley Classic.

The Golden Bears led 65-62 with 1:43 left in regulation, but each team missed a layup in its ensuing possession.

After a timeout, Westfield State's Gavin Illangakoon shook off a defender and hit a 3-pointer to tie it at 65 with 25 seconds to go.

Illangakoon then had a chance to win the game, but missed a shot as time expired.

Westfield State's Curtis Gadles recorded 27 points, including four straight free throws in overtime which tied the game at 73 before Hernandez' winner. The Owls had one more chance, but Illangakoon came up short.

Jim Bayne led the Golden Bears with a career-high 30 points. Asif Abdul-Wadud (Springfield) and Chris DeVine (Wilbraham) chipped in with seven points apiece.

AIC 69, Merrimack 61: At Springfield, Magen McNeil scored 23 points and pulled down 10 rebounds as the Yellow Jackets ended a four-game losing streak with the Northeast-10 victory.

AIC (2-4, 1-3) outrebounded Merrimack (2-4, 1-2) 49-29.

Elms 73, Hartwick 68: At Chicopee, Renato Lindmets of Springfield poured in a team-high 20 points as the host Blazers (3-2) held off Hartwick.

With 16 seconds left, Hartwick had cut Elms' lead to 69-68 thanks to four free throws and a 3-pointer by Jan Cocozzielo.

But Bill Beauregard of Ware connected on two foul shots, and Nate Hawes and Randy Hite (10 points) also hit free throws to lift Elms.

Williams 96, Skidmore 65: At Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Brian Nelson scored 23 points, including seven 3-pointers, and Chris Shalvoy hit six 3-pointers en route to 18 points as the Ephs (3-4) stopped a four-game slide in the consolation game of the Skidmore Invitational.

HCC 83, Roxbury CC 72: Dan Hopewell led all scorers with 26 points, and Demarr Smith scored 20 to propel visiting Holyoke Community College (2-6).

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Pioneer Valley Classic

Amherst 73, WNEC 54: The Lord Jeffs (3-3) wrapped up a 2-0 performance in the tournament with the victory at Blake Arena at Springfield College.

Amherst's Stefanie Reiff finished with a game-high 17 points and was named tourney MVP. Reiff also had five rebounds and four assists.

Samantha Swensen (14 points), Shaina Pollack (12), and Kerry O'Loughlin (11) spurred Amherst.

Jen Dabrowski's 16 points led WNEC (3-3). Vicky Taylor of Feeding Hills chipped in with 10 points and eight rebounds, and Dina Federico of Springfield added six points.

Springfield 81, Westfield St. 36: Lauren O'Connor and Christine Cotter delivered 19 points each as the Pride rolled in the Pioneer Valley Classic's final game.

SC (3-3) went 1-1 over the two-day tourney.

O'Connor added 12 rebounds to highlight a solid performance, which landed the sophomore on the all-tournament team.

Helped by Amanda Hill (12 points), Tara McCarthy (11) and Corey Finch (10), the Pride led nearly the entire game.

Lauren Sylvain of Hadley scored 11 for the Owls (1-3).

UMass 58, Northeastern 50: At Amherst, Tamara Tatham registered her ninth career double-double as the Minutewomen extended their home winning streak to 10 games.

Tatham, who had 10 points and 18 rebounds, set a team record for defensive rebounds in a game with 14, breaking her own mark of 10 set last week.

Pam Rosanio led all scorers with 22 points for UMass (7-1), which held Northeastern to 37.7 percent shooting.

AIC 58, Merrimack 48: At Springfield, Alexis Castro recorded 19 points and 16 rebounds to spark the Yellow Jackets to their second straight victory.

Agawam's Stacy Boisvert had 10 points and six rebounds for AIC (5-2, 2-2 Northeast-10).

Castleton St. 77, Bay Path 49: Hilary Bielunis of Hatfield scored 10 points for host Bay Path.

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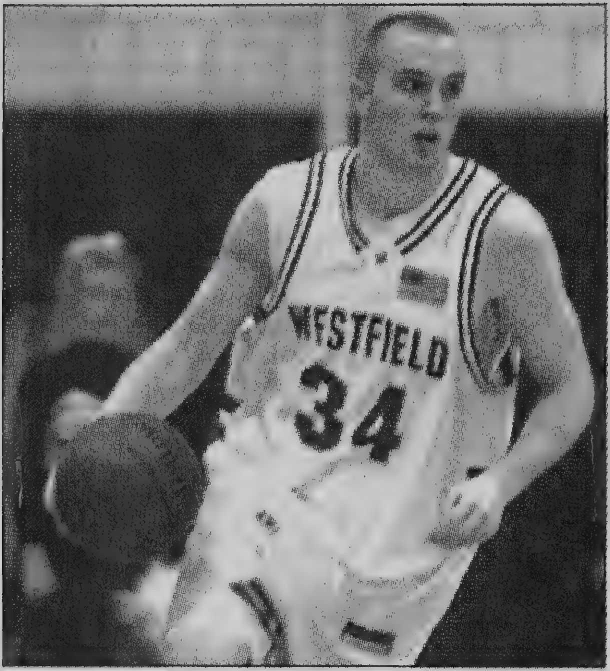

CURTIS GADLES OF PEMBROKE, a senior forward at Westfield State, leads the Owls in scoring, averaging 20.5 points, and in rebounding.

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Ex-Cardinal Gadles takes wing for Owls

■ The Cardinal Spellman grad from Pembroke has taken charge on the basketball court at Westfield State.

By Jim Fenton
ENTERPRISE STAFF WRITER

After losing two all-conference players to graduation, the Westfield State College men's basketball team needed someone to fill the void this season.

Senior power forward Curtis Gadles of Pembroke, a 2003 Cardinal Spellman High graduate, has done exactly that during the opening 10 games.

Gadles is one of the main reasons why the Owls have reached the semester break with an 8-2 record.

He has recorded four double-doubles and is leading the team in scoring (20.5 points per game) and rebounds (8.7) while shooting 54 percent, including 52 percent from 3-point range.

The play of Gadles has helped Westfield State overcome the loss of Mike Jurkowski, last season's top scorer and a first-team All-Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference selection, and James Ogbunize, who made the all-conference second team.

"I always thought, in time, he'd blossom into this type of player," said Owls coach Rich Sutter. "The promise was there. He was a very solid player on a very solid team last year. Now he knows that it's his turn to lead this team.

"The sky's the limit for him this season. He's an extremely hard worker. When you have the ability plus the drive to succeed, there's no ceiling for him."

Gadles spent the first two years of his collegiate career at Mount Ida College, averaging seven points and 3.2 rebounds as a freshman in 2003-04 and 18.2 points and 7.5 rebounds with 41 3-pointers and 34 blocked shots as a sophomore.

Following that season, Gadles decided to leave he Newton school and headed down the Mas-achusetts Turnpike to Westfield.

"I figured I needed a change," said Gadles, who is ying nearly 34 minutes a game. "I had friends

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CURTIS GADLES

COLLEGE: Westfield State

YEAR: Senior

HOMETOWN: Pembroke

YEARS ON TEAM: Two

MAJOR: Criminal Justice

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Ex-Cardinal Gadles takes wing for Owls

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Gadles started 20 of 26 games as a junior at Westfield State, helping the Owls go 18-8 and earn a share of the MASCAC regular-season title with Salem State College.

He averaged 12.1 points, hitting a team-high 44 3-pointers, and grabbed 4.9 rebounds in 25.4 minutes per game.

"I was a little nervous coming in, but I've got confidence in my ability and I didn't think it'd be too difficult of a transition," said Gadles. "A couple of games in, I got a feel for the new offense and I got used to getting shots from different positions."

Curtis Gadles

After being a significant contributor a year ago, Gadles has improved all facets of his game this season and is also providing leadership as a tri-captain.

Gadles has become a more accurate shooter after making 43 percent overall and 39 percent from 3-point land a year ago.

"It's just a confidence thing," said Gadles of his improvement. "I am more confident and more comfortable with the team. It comes with experience. Last year, I wouldn't be sure if I should take a shot and now I've got the green light.

"It's nice to be in a leadership role. You have an influence on what other guys are doing. People listen to you. It's nice to have that. I'm going to lead by example, but I'll be vocal when I have to be."

Gadles has been rolling since the opening weekend of the season in Newburgh, N.Y., when he led the Owls to the Mount St. Mary College Tip-Off Tournament title.

He was 8-for-11 to score 18 points and grabbed six rebounds against Briarcliffe College and had 23 points and 14 rebounds against Mount St. Mary.

Gadles has also recorded double-doubles against Elms College (16 points, 12 rebounds), Suffolk University (21 points, 13 rebounds) and Lesley College (15 points, 10 rebounds).

He had 21 points in 23 minutes in a loss to Western Connecticut State Saturday, getting 17 of them in the second half after being plagued by foul trouble.

The increased offense is coming from Gadles' ability to shoot from long range (25 of 48 on 3-pointers) and to score inside.

At 6-foot-5, 205 pounds, that combination of inside and out makes Gadles difficult to guard.

"He can take the ball to the basket and score over your and he can hurt you deep," said Sutter. "It's great for us. He poses a lot of problems for othe teams. He's got good speed, good athleticism, has ability and has lift.

"He's the type of player who can do a little bit of everything on the basketball floor. His rebounding has improved and his approach to the game has improved."

Gadles was played on the outside in his formative years, then started to learn how to play inside when he had a growth spurt.

He stood 5-foot-9 as a sophomore at Spellman and was up to 6-foot-3 by his senior season.

"When I was younger, I was short and I learned to shoot," said Gadles. "As I got taller at the end of high school, I started going inside. I became versatile. I can step out and shoot and post people up.

"I'm not stuck on the block here. I can do a little of both and it helps a lot. Every kid likes to go behind the line and shoot the 3-pointer. Coach Rico (Cabral) taught me to be more focused on shooting the same way when I was at Mount Ida. I missed a lot of shots my freshman year and he told me to keep my elbow down and it really helped.

"I think my game has improved a lot. I'm just more mature now. I don't force things. I let the gam come to me a lot more than when I was younger."

Gadles, a criminal justice major, will return to the area on Jan. 9 for the MASCAC opener against Bridgewater State College.

He is hoping to keep the Owls on the winning track after getting off to a sensational start throug 10 games in the first semester.

"It's been a fun year," said Gadles. "It's my last year doing this, so I'm trying to go out with a bang. It was great to win last year. It's always fun to win want us to go to the NCAAs this year. That's my focus. That would mean a lot."

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Westfield set to test Elms

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Their seasons are only four days old, and already the Westfield State and Elms men's basketball teams are standing under the noon sun at the O.K. Corral.

Well . . . the 8 p.m. lights at the Maguire Center on the Chicopee campus.

Both the Owls and Blazers opened their seasons last weekend with hopes high, and both came out of the weekend with major optimism.

Local college notebook

Tonight, 364 days after Westfield State defeated Elms 85-76 last season, each will try to bring the other back down to earth.

Westfield started its season by wrecking the opposition at the Mt. St. Mary Tournament in Newburgh, N.Y. In those two victories – 98-50 over Briarcliffe and 82-69 over the host school – 2005-06 MASCAC Coach of the Year Rich Sutter saw life without the two key players who graduated from last season's 18-8 (10-2 MASCAC) team, forward Michael Jurkowski of Belchertown and center James Ogbunize.

And what Sutter saw was that guards Gavin Illangakoon (All-MASCAC) and Dave Jaenig (MACSAC Rookie of the Year) will be helped by newcomer Ryan Mauer of Pittfield, who started both games and had 26 points and 14 assists in 40 minutes of floor time.

He also saw senior forward Curtis Gadles average 20.5 points and 10 rebounds in the first two games, and shooting guard Andrew Deffer, who averaged 15 minutes and 7 points per game last season, nail 14 of 28 shots, including 10 of 20 from 3-point range.

But, Elms' Ed Silva didn't exactly have a discouraging weekend, either.

The sixth-year head coach, whose teams have won two straight North Atlantic Conference championships – going 42-16 and gaining two straight NCAA Division III tournament berths in the process – has four returning starters. Two of them, seniors John Ancrum and David Williams, just may form the most potent Division III backcourt in New England.

Ancrum is an outstanding point guard, who led Division III in assists per game (8.4) as a sophomore, and was 24th in the nation (5.6 per game) last year. He can also take the ball to the basket and is averaging 11.8 points and 6.2 assists per game in his career.

Williams, in his second season at Elms after transferring in last year, averaged 17.2 points in 2005-06, setting the school record for points in a season with 498.

Junior Renato Lindmets, who played his high school ball at Springfield Central, was the NAC Rookie of the Year two seasons ago, and was averaging 11 points per game last season when he suffered a season-ending injury after 13 games. The Blazers will need both the 6-foot-6 Lindmets and 6-6 junior Nate Hawes to hit the boards and provide the inside presence, because last year's NAC Rookie of the Year Antoine Holder is now playing at Bridgeport.

And, if there's any need to show how far the Elms program has come in its nine short years in existence, it can be shown in relation to Westfield State.

The first five meetings between the Owls and Blazers resulted in five Westfield wins, by an average score of 99-73. Since then, the teams have split four games with the average difference being 10 points, either way.

ALL-AMERICANS ALL: The Pioneer Valley, as a hotbed for both intercollegiate and high school field hockey, scored big yesterday.

Led by Springfield College junior Brittany Veazie, who was named to the first team, four players from Pioneer Valley colleges and one area native were named yesterday to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division III All-American team.

Veazie scored 18 goals and had seven assists, and was named 2006 NEWMAC Player of the Year, as Springfield won the conference title and finished 17-6. Her teammate, sophomore Jane Kelleher, who led the conference in scoring (23-7-51), was named to the second team.

Western New England College senior captain Allison Jameson became the first player in that school's history to be named to a field hockey All-America team, with a third-team nod, the same as Amherst College sophomore Alyssa Dudek and Palmer's Robin Dziedzic, a senior at University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.

GOLDEN BEARS HONORED: WNEC wide receiver

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Seniors run Owls to victory

By MATT SCHOOLEY

WESTFIELD – Westfield State College used a 15-0 second-half run to seal a 79-64 men's basketball victory over winless Skidmore team yesterday in Westfield, improving the Owls to 7-1 this season.

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Senior 6-foot-5 forward Curtis Gadles and senior guard Gavin Illangakoon each dropped in 21 points for Westfield. Gadles, who scored 20 or more points for the fifth straight game, also grabbed eight rebounds and four steals for the Owls.

Midway through the first half, Westfield looked to pull away, taking a 25-18 lead, but Skidmore responded with a 7-0 run over the next 3:01 to tie the game.

Westfield responded with its own 7-0 surge to retake the lead, and the Owls led 39-36 at halftime.

Despite the lead, Westfield coach Rich Sutter was not satisfied with his team's performance.

"I wasn't happy with our intensity, I wasn't happy with our focus, and it showed," the eighth-year head coach said.

Gadles said the team's poor performance was corrected while the team was off the floor during the intermission.

"We looked a little sloppy at first, but we got the job done. We'll clean it up come Monday at practice," he said. "The second half we came out and got in their face, and played some harder defense. Coach really got us fired up in the locker room and it really showed in the second half."

So what did Sutter say to his team at the half?

"That's probably not printable," he said with a laugh. "But we told them they needed to dictate the tempo of the game. We wanted the game to go faster, and that's why we came out and pressed almost the entire second half. That seemed to help us a little bit."

The speech didn't show immediate results, as Skidmore used a five-point spurt to take the lead, extending it to 44-40 with 15:50 remaining.

However, the Owls snagged the momentum right back as Ryan Mauer's jumpshot started Westfield's 15-0 run to go ahead 55-44. Skidmore never got closer than eight points after that.

Mauer seemed to make the play Westfield State needed to get the momentum back on their side throughout the game. The junior guard chipped in 14 points and five rebounds.

Westfield State extended the lead to as many as 21 with just over two minutes left.

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From left to right, Westfield State College first and second team all-conference players, senior Mike Jurkowski, junior Gavin Illangakoon and senior James Ogbunize. (Photo courtesy of Westfield State College Sports Information Department)

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WSC reaps rewards for its stellar season

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The Westfield State College men's basketball team is beginning to reap the rewards of its fine season, with two being selected for the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference all-conference teams.

The Westfield women's team, not so successful at 10-16, got some MASCAC sugar of its own, with sophomore forward Andrea Wasuk of Lenox making the all-conference second team.

Senior Curtis Gadles was selected for the MASCAC first team and classmate Gavin Illangakoon for the second.

Gadles led the Owls in scoring with a 20.4 average. He added 845 points at Westfield to 523 he scored in two years at Mount Ida College for a career total of 1,368. The 6-foot-5 swingman also led the Owls in rebounding (7.9 per game) and 3-point shooting (43 percent).

Illangakoon averaged 12.3 points this season and led the team in assists (4.3) and free-throw shooting (75 percent).

Wasuk led the Owls in scoring (14.0), rebounding (7.7) and field goal shooting (48 percent).

In other Westfield news, the Owls women's swimming and diving team completed the best dual meet season (9-1) in the program's 25-year history.

The Owls next proceeded to take a history-making fourth place at the New England Swimming and Diving Championships, with freshman Lindsay Malboeuf setting a school record of 29:27 in the 50 backstroke.

WNEC: Jim Bayne and Jen Dabrowski are collecting Great Northeast Athletic Conference hardware.

Bayne was named GNAC Player of the Year recently, topping a junior season in which he went over the 1,000 career-point mark (1,040) and led the Golden Bears in scoring (14.2), rebounding (8.8) and free throw percentage (.813).

The forward, who sat out his sophomore season for academic reasons, was also named to the All-GNAC first team, while teammates Asif Abdul Wadud of Springfield and Matt Maynard were selected to the third team.

Even coach Mike Theulen was given some huzzahs for GNAC regular-season title (14-2) and WNEC's 19-8 overall mark. The third-year Bears coach was named GNAC Coach of the Year.

Dabrowski, meanwhile, was named to the women's first team. She averaged a team-best 16.1 points and led in free throw percentage (.880) and field goal percentage (.465) as she led the Golden Bears to a 15-12 record that included a sizzling 10-2 mark down the stretch.

ELMS: Freshmen Liz Walker of Holyoke, Marie Waterhouse of East Longmeadow and coach Bill Tyler of Amherst have all been cited by the GNAC and the New England Swimming and Diving Association.

Walker was named GNAC Swimmer of the Year following her winning two titles (50-and 100-yard breastroke) at the GNAC Championships and another (100 breast) at the NEISDA Championships. Walker, who also had a second and a third at the NEISDA meet, set 23 individual school records during the regular season.

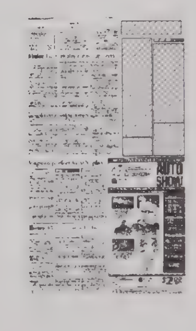
Waterhouse was named GNAC Rookie of the Year. She won the 50-yard backstroke with a GNAC-record 29.36, and had second-and third-place finishes in the 400 IM and 200 back, respectively. She set 21 individual school records this year.

Tyler was named GNAC Coach of the Year for the second time and NEISDA Coach of the Year for the first.

SC: Pride middle blocker Andrew Sipe has been named Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association Hay Division Player of the Week.

The sophomore had six blocks and six kills in a victory over New Jersey Institute of Technology and eight kills and seven blocks in a win over Rivier College.

SC is 13-5 after beating Harvard on Saturday for its 13th win in its last 15 matches. The star of that one? Andy



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LOCAL COLLEGES UPDATE

Owls net awards

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WESTFIELD — The Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC) announced its 2005-2006 All-Conference Men's and Women's Basketball Teams recently and Westfield State had six players honored — four men and two women — and a head coach.

In the major awards categories, Westfield State had the Rookies of the Year in both sports and men's head coach Rich Sutter was selected the MASCAC Coach of the Year.

Sutter guided the Owls to an 18-8 record and a share of the conference's regular season championship. The 18 victories are the second most in the program's history. The eighth year mentor also was the conference Coach of the Year in 2003.

The men's basketball team had two first team selections: Gavin Illangakoon, a junior point guard from Melbourne, Australia, and Michael Jurkowski, a senior forward from Belchertown.

Illangakoon scored 272 points this season, averaging 10.5 a game. He went 86-102 from the foul line (.843 percent), which was second best in the MASCAC. The 6-2 point guard led the Owls in steals with 46 and had a league leading 104 assists (4.0 per game).

Jurkowski led the team in points scored with 334, averaging 13.9 per game. He was second in both rebounding (6.7 per game) and steals with 37. He shot 51 percent from the field.

James Ogbunize was selected to the MASCAC all-conference second team. The senior center from Staten Island, N.Y., scored 247 points (9.5 per game). His field goal percentage was an impressive .613 percent, second best in the MASCAC. The Owls' top defender, Ogbunize led the conference in blocked shots (74) and ranked third in rebounding (8.1 per game). His 74 rejections are four shy of the single-season school record.

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Twin sisters Lauren (left) and Katie (right) Sylvain are an important part of a strong youth movement on the Westfield State women's basketball team.

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YOUNG OWLS MAKING STRIDES

By MATTHEW OSGOOD
Sports Journal

Former Hopkins Academy stars and twin sisters Katie and Lauren Sylvain are used to seeing each other around. Aside from catching site of each other lounging around their Hadley home or in their separate dorm rooms, they have also been teammates for years, and they are now sharing a pivotal role as freshmen on the Westfield State College women's basketball team.

The twins earned their own chapter in Western Massachusetts high school lore by scoring their 1000th points on the same night last winter. Lauren hit the mark first, followed shortly by her sister, a pattern than began at birth. Both have stepped eagerly into the challenge of a higher level of collegiate play.

"(College basketball) is a lot more physical, a lot more competitive," Katie Sylvain said. "You're playing every game against girls who were all-stars at their school, and it's a whole different level."

Andrea Bertini, first-year coach for the Owls, agreed.

"I think the speed and the strength of the game is a lot tougher, and it is a lot harder to play at this level," she said.

For Lauren Sylvain, the step-up was expected.

"I knew it was going to be a lot harder coming into college," she said. "I knew I had a lot to work on with my game, especially my defense. I knew I wasn't going to come in and be a big threat, so my main focus was learning new stuff because I was coming to a new level."

The Sylvain sisters aren't the only fresh faces on the Owls team, which boasts a 3.4 team-GPA in the classroom. In fact, there are currently nine first-year players, a new coach and two first-year assistant coaches on the roster.

"It's good that there are a bunch of other freshmen," said Lauren. "If someone is down, we're all going through the same transitions, so we're there to pick each other up. We're all learning the same thing. We're all doing it at the same time."

Bertini is encouraged with the early results.

"This is a really great class, a lot of young players that are very solid, but I think at times that we're learning as we go," Bertini said. "Every day is a learning experience, but it gets better everyday."

Emerging to provide a sense of calm and experience has been Meghan McCarthy, a pocket-sized point guard from Belchertown, who serves as the team's co-captain and lone senior.

"What I want to give to them is an understanding of what college basketball is," McCarthy said. "If I can leave them with that understanding, then I've done my job. When I was a freshman, I had good senior leaders who taught me, so I want to pass that on."

Bertini understands how valuable McCarthy has been.

"Meghan has really been unbelievable in (every) aspect, not just on the court, but off," noted Bertini. "She's a tremendous leader. She's really done a good job showing the younger players what it is like to be an athlete at Westfield State, how much it means to be an athlete here, and teaching the kind of compassion you need to bring everyday."

McCarthy, like Bertini, has high hopes for the team once all the pieces are in place.

"You wait," the senior promised. "Watch out. In three years, they're going to make NCAA's. They've gotten so much better this year already. Once they get the chemistry and experience, they're going to be amazing."

57.4 percent shooting couldn't make up for Westfield's 62.3 percent accuracy and the Owls' advantages in rebounding and turnovers.

The game provided one great highlight for the Trailblazers (6-19), however, as senior Adam Garner surpassed the 1,000-point career mark with two free throws late in the first half. He finished the game with 20 points and his MCLA career with 1,007. Dave Bisesi and Jared Martin led the visitors with 24 points apiece.

MCLA women's basketball

WESTFIELD — Without one of its most consistent scorers, the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts women's basketball team lost its final game of the regular season on Saturday, losing 61-48 to Westfield State.

Forward Meredith Sullivan was forced to miss the game with an ankle injury, and teammate Taylor Kenyon also had to leave the contest with an injured ankle in the second half. Without two usual starters, MCLA (10-15) was unable to rebound from a 32-17 halftime deficit.

"It was a tough game for us," Trailblazers head coach Holly McGovern said. "We dug ourselves a hole early in the first half, and we just could not get anything going offensively. Overall, we just couldn't work our way out of that 15-point hole at halftime."

Krista Corriveau led Westfield (10-15) with a game-high 21 points. Andrea Wasuk chipped in with 13 points and 11 rebounds, while Betty Dely finished with 13 points as well for the Owls. Senior Kristen Lewis notched 11 points for the 'Blazers, who also received 14 points and 11 rebounds from freshman Laura Silverman.

"She played 40 minutes and she worked her butt off," McGovern said of Silverman's efforts. She did a great job of getting position down. She had to work for her points tonight."

Despite the loss, the Trailblazers still managed to qualify for the MASCAC Championship. They are seeded sixth in the tournament and will play at third-seeded Salem State at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Williams men's hockey

CLINTON, N.Y. — The Williams College men's hockey team wrapped up its regular season with a 6-4 loss to Hamilton on Saturday.

It was an even game until the end of the second period as the two teams traded goals throughout most of the first 40 minutes. Hamilton went ahead early, but Williams fought back with two power-play goals. Jake Davis, however, netted his second score of the game with 71 second left in the second to put the Continentals ahead for good.

Travis Blood and Vaclav Tomicek added two more goals for the hosts 26 seconds apart early in the third to put the game out of reach.

The Ephs enjoyed 26 power-play minutes and were able to score three times with an advantage but also gave up a short-handed tally. Brandon Jackmuff led the way for Williams with two goals, while Matt Draheim had three assists.

The Ephs (8-13-2) visit Middlebury at 4 p.m. next Saturday in the first round of the NESCAC tournament.

Williams women's hockey

WILLIAMSTOWN — After a scoreless first period, Trinity's Michelle Chee finally gave the scorekeepers some work with a goal 1:50 into the second period. By the time the Bantams scored again nearly a period later, the Williams College women's hockey team had the game well in hand. The Ephs rustled the net three times in the interim on the way to a 5-2 victory at Lansing Chapman Rink on Saturday.

"We were so creative with the puck [that] it was exciting to see," Williams head coach Shannon Bryant said. "We were cycling the puck, exchanging it and moving the puck to the top very well today. It just all came together ... and created a lot of good offensive opportunities for us."

The Ephs (8-12-4) had enough offensive chances to outshoot their guests 45-26, and that was a barrage that Trinity goalie Isabel Iwachi could not withstand.

Anna Condino tied the score midway through the second period, and Abby Taylor netted another goal on a power play a few minutes later. Taya Latham added the game winner at the end of the period.

Condino finished with two goals and an assist, while Tracey Ferriter had two assists and a goal. Williams goalie Denise

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Hoop tourney benefits scholarship

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Westfield State students "hooped it up" at the Spalding Hoot Hoot Hoop it Up Basketball Tournament, which raised $2,000 for the John O'Connell scholarship.

The tournament, held Saturday, April 8, was organized and run by the movement science department sports promotion class taught by Dr. Teresa Fitts. The event allowed the sports promotion class students to apply the skills they learned in the classroom.

The tournament drew about 200 people. Among those in attendance were Father Dean and the family of John O'Connell, a WSC student who died tragically last October as a result of a blow to the head while attempting to break up a fight.

"What a great experience the students in the sport promotions class had planning, organizing, implementing and evaluating the tournament," said Fitts, "The students were able to apply their classroom knowledge in a real live event that not only benefited them, but the family and friends of John O' Connell. The memory of John O'Connell will stay alive in the scholarship that has been set up in his name and by the funds raised by the tournament."

The 3-on-3 tournament was split into two sections – the elite group and the recreational group. Andrew Smith – a student supervisor in the Westfield State intramurals department - organized the tournament, developing the brackets and team placement.

The sports promotion class received additional assistance to run the event. Members of the lacrosse club and movement science majors volunteered their time for the worthy cause.

Mickey Curtis of the athletics department helped with publicity and Craig Phelon from the college's public relations department sent out news releases. SGA adviser Barbara Hand assisted with payments, and Arnie Grimaldi from the copy center also was very helpful.

"It was a college-wide effort with help from all parts of campus," said Fitts.

Basketball games weren't the only events going on that day. There were a silent auction, hot shot contest, and a performance by the popular Westfield State Step Team.

The winners of the basketball tournament were the Ballaholics (elite group) and Warfare (recreational group).

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Students register to play in the Spalding Hoot Hoot Hoop It Up Tournament. *Photo By Katie Effler*

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their opponents 55.

WESTFIELD STATE: The Owls are sporting two distinct looks this season, and neither is size.

The first look is youth. The Westfield State College roster has only one senior, captain Kristen Strole, an Agawam native who is one of four returning players who started a significant number of games last season.

Strole started 18 of the 26 games for the Owls (12-14). Sophomore forward Andrea Wasuk of Lenox started all 26, sophomore Lauren Sylvain, a former Hopkins Academy star, started 20 and junior guard Becky Passette, out of Monument Mountain Regional, started 12.

A fifth player, sophomore Katie Sylvain of Hadley, started 14 games last season, but is out indefinitely following knee surgery.

The second look is Western Massachusetts. Strole and the other returning starters are among nine area players on the Westfield roster, a group that includes sophomores Jenn Leveille of Hampshire Regional and Ashley Kachelmeyer of Pioneer Valley Regional, and freshmen Peggy Steuerwald of Lenox and Kate-Lyn Laflamme of Chicopee.

Wasuk averaged 19 points and eight rebounds in Westfield's first two games this season, at the Plymouth State tournament.

And the size issue? Freshman center Irene Sarantees, at 5-foot-11, is the tallest of the Owls, who have four players – Strole, Wasuk, freshman Molly Brogan and Lauren Sylvain – at 5-10.

Wasuk has gotten off to an excellent start, averaging 19 points and eight rebounds in two games.

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Smith keeps cool in close victories

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Softball

Whether it comes on the final at-bat or by gradually chipping away, the Smith College softball team has shown a knack for winning the close ones.

The Pioneers used a walk-off two-run double by Taryn Pestalozzi to defeat visiting Wellesley 3-2 in the opening game of yesterday's New England Women's & Men's Athletic Conference doubleheader and won the second game 6-5 with a run in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Pestalozzi, a junior from Oregon, couldn't have picked a more crucial moment for her game-winning hit – bottom of the seventh, two strikes, two outs. She didn't let it faze her that she was hitless in her first three at bats and behind in the count in this one, hitting the ball to deep left field to plate Chloe Pete and Debbie Sasges.

In the nightcap, Wellesley took a 5-2 lead in the top of the fifth on a two-run home run by Kara Wong. However, Smith (12-14, 6-6) tied it with three runs in the bottom of the frame.

One inning later, Megan Kiefer's sacrifice fly delivered the eventual winning run.

AIC sweeps: Teresa Bonavita of Agawam went a combined 4 for 7 with four two-run doubles to lead the host Yellow Jackets to victories of 9-5 and 9-1 over the College of Saint Rose in Northeast-10 Conference action at Groff Field.

Bonavita helped AIC (11-19, 5-7) erase a 5-3 deficit with a two-run double in the sixth inning of game one. Pittsfield's Kayla Donnelly put her team ahead, followed by some insurance in the form of a three-run homer by Kellie Brown of Gill.

Bonavita and Donnelly had two hits each in that game, which was pitched well by Sara Puglisi.

AIC was never threatened in the second game, scoring all its runs in the first three innings. Bonavita drove in four more runs on a pair of two-baggers, while pitcher Megan Nickerson of Greenfield earned the win.

Westfield St. sweeps: Just like their baseball counterparts, the Owls are untouchable thus far in Mass. State Conference play. Westfield improved to 6-0 in league play by toppling host Worcester State 4-1 and 3-0.

Sophomore Chelsea Sylvia fired a one-hitter with 11 strikeouts in the opener for the Owls (14-7). Katie Gorman of Feeding Hills, Adrienne Walker of Springfield and Danielle Lutenegger of Sunderland contributed two hits apiece.

The second game was sparked by the pitching of Athol's Casey Riddell. The sophomore scattered five hits, struck out three and walked no one. Christie Sullivan of Chicopee and Rosemary Dowling had a pair of hits each.

WNEC sweeps: Brittany DeGennaro went 3 for 4 with two triples and two RBIs to lead the host Golden Bears to a 14-0, five-inning win over host Emmanuel in the first game.

Lauren Arsenault's three-run homer sparked WNEC (17-9) to a 9-4 victory in the nightcap.

Amherst sweeps: Alex Chang-Graham threw four innings of one-hit ball to lead host Amherst to a 9-0 win in five innings in the first game.

The Lord Jeffs (10-12) received another solid pitching performance from Samantha Miller, who won the nightcap 6-1.

Annalise Rodii went a combined 5 for 7 with two runs and two RBIs.

UMass 5, Charlotte 2: Junior Lauren Proctor went 2 for 4 with two doubles and three RBIs, as the visiting Minutewomen (22-12-1, 8-0 Atlantic-10) racked up their 11th victory in a row.

Sophomore Brandice Balschmiter allowed two runs on five hits in six innings, while freshman Bailey Sanders earned her first career save with a perfect seventh.

Amanda Acampora slammed her sixth home run of the season, a two-run shot in the second.

Elms splits: Junior Christina Giampetruzzi of Westfield went a combined 5 for 8 with three RBIs to help host Elms salvage a split against Lesley. The Blazers (7-8, 5-1 NAC) won the first game 5-1 before dropping the second 5-4.

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Unbeaten Amherst chops down Elms

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The Amherst College men's basketball team is almost always very good, but it has never had a better start than this one.

Dan Wheeler scored 19 points, and Andrew Olson dished out a school-record 15 assists last night as the Lord Jeffs ran past visiting Elms College 103-69 at LeFrak Gymnasium and improved to 15-0.

Reigning New England Small College player of the week scored Brian Bauskauskas scored 16 points in only 22 minutes for Amherst, ranked No. 2 in NCAA Division III.

The Lord Jeffs' media relations office announced this tied Amherst's best all-time start.

It was not immediately available which years the Jeffs had opened 15-0, but college records showed they did have 15-game winning streaks during the 1986-87 and 2003-04 seasons. It was unclear whether both came to open the season.

Olson, a junior, had been averaging seven assists per game.

Seniors John Ancrum (16 points) and David Williams (14) led Elms (8-6), which saw a four-game winning streak halted.

Amherst will attempt to go 16-0 for the first time in school history Friday night in a home game against Middlebury.

Local colleges

Ben Franklin 66, HCC 64: Close wasn't quite good enough for Holyoke Community College.

"We played well," HCC coach Chris Montemayor said after the Cougars' loss to visiting Ben Franklin Institute of Boston. "Both teams played well. It was close all the way.

"They got a couple of baskets to go ahead, we were able to tie it up, but they made a couple of free throws at the end."

Dan Hopewell of Easthampton scored 19 points for HCC (5-10). Rashon Wilson contributed 11 points, and William Cruz grabbed 14 rebounds.

Salem State 75, Westfield State 5 Andrew Deffer and Curtis Gadle had 13 points each for the visitin Fighting Owls (10-5, 1-2 Massachusetts State College Athletic Confe ence) at Salem State (10-2, 2-0).

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Amherst 81, Wesleyan 69: The Jef (9-7) snapped visiting Wesleyan eight-game winning streak.

This game matched NESCA members, but was a non-leag matchup. Shaina Pollack, a junio scored a career-high 20 points f Amherst against Wesleyan (10-3).

HCC 58, Manchester CC 45: Visitir Holyoke Community improved 12-1, with Sam Wohlers' 10 poin leading a balanced attack.

Salem State 65, Westfield State 4 Visiting Westfield State (6-8, 1 MASCAC) needed nearly eight mi utes to score its first field go trailed 25-10 at halftime and cou not dent the margin in the seco half.

Sophomore guard Andrea Was of Lenox led the Fighting Owls wi 16 points. Freshman guard Peg Steuerwald, also of Lenox, scored with seven rebounds.

Lasell 70, Bay Path 54: Visiting B Path (1-10) received strong effo from Jessica Hunt (16 points, eig rebounds), Laila Falkenberg (points, six rebounds), and Chris Ordyna (11 points, six boards) at L sell (5-6). Bay Path scored 36 poi in the second half, its high 20-minute total this season, and sh 67 percent after the break.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Ohio State 3, Springfield 0: N 12-ranked Ohio State claimed 30-18, 30-21, 30-24 decision in C lumbus, Ohio, its second sweep the Pride in two days.

Chris Shekell recorded 32 assi for Springfield (0-3). Eric Palum had 15 kills.

Mass.-Liberal Arts 57, Westfield State 46: Ali Leveille of Southampton scored 13 points as the host Trailblazers (7-10, 2-4 MASCAC) bested Westfield State for only the second time in 22 years.

Andrea Wasuk led the Owls (7-11, 2-4) with 14 points.

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Overtime win sweet

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Redemption proved sweet last night for Lauren Sylvain.

The sophomore forward from Hadley missed two free throws with 2.4 seconds left that would have won the game in regulation for the Westfield State College women's basketball team.

Instead of hanging her head, Sylvain made the most of her chances in overtime. She scored eight of her team's 14 points in the extra session as Westfield defeated visiting Bridgewater State 70-66.

Sylvain came off the bench and sparked the Owls (8-11, 3-4 Mass. State Conference) with 22 solid minutes, saving her best performance for the final five.

The 5-foot-10 swing player nailed an off-balance jumper with 17 seconds left to put Westfield up 69-64. Sylvain then closed the scoring with a late free throw.

Sophomore forward Andrea Wasuk thwarted the Bears' chance at a final shot with six seconds left in regulation. She drove the length of the floor, dished off to Sylvain, who was fouled under the basket and missed the aforementioned free throws.

Wasuk finished with 15 points and 13 rebounds. She made consecutive layups to give the Owls the lead for good at 65-62. Agawam's Kristen Strole made a baseline jumper to extend that lead.

Colleen Feeney led all score-

Local colleges

the teams' earlier meeting 70-56 on Jan. 9.

Quinsigamond CC 65, HCC 58: Dom Finkley scored a team-high 14 points, but the visiting Cougars (15-2) saw their 11-game winning streak come to an end. Tara Henson added 12 points, and Amanda Czerwiec had 10.

Becker 80, Bay Path 56: Jessica Hunt scored 21 points to lead the host Wildcats (1-16, 0-13 NAC) at Holyoke Community College. Chrissy Ordyna had 14 points and Laila Falkenberg 10.

Lasell 77, Elms 55: Tee Nazario scored 13 points as the visiting Blazers (6-11, 4-6 NAC) fell to the Lasers at Newton.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Amherst 62, Rhode Island Coll. 48: In its first game as the nation's No. 1 team in Division III, there was no sign of a letdown for the visiting Lord Jeffs.

Tim McLaughlin led the way with 23 points as Amherst extended its school-best start to 21-0.

Bridgewater State 75, Westfield State 74: Andrew Deffer's baseline 3-pointer with 0.6 second remaining sent the host Owls to overtime.

In the extra session, though, Bridgewater's Tom Cuddihy won the game with a 3-point play with 6.8 ticks left on the clock.

Curtis Gadles led Westfield (13-7, 4-3 MASCAC) with 22 points.

Keene State 92, Williams 85: Chris Shalvoy and Chris Rose each scored 21 points, but the

STCC 80, Dean 75: Henry Ogirri racked up 24 points and 13 rebounds to help the visiting Rams improve to 18-6. Michael Booker tossed in 21 points, and Dan Potito added 14 as STCC sealed the win with some key shots late.

Elms 87, Lasell 83: Nathan Hawes' 17 points led four Blazers in double figures. David Williams and Malakie Berry added 12 points apiece, and Randy Hite scored 10 for visiting Elms (12-6, 7-1 NAC).

MEN'S HOCKEY

AIC 3, Army 0: It had been quite some time since the Yellow Jackets last posted a shutout – Nov. 12, 2004, to be exact.

Last night at West Springfield's Olympia Ice Center, sophomore goalie Tom Fenton made 22 saves for his first career blanking.

Bryan Jurynec led the offense with a pair of goals, while Greg Genovese added a pair of assists. Chris Bolognino also scored for AIC (5-20, 5-17 Atlantic Hockey).

The Jackets' last shutout also came against the Black Knights (14-10-4, 11-7-4).

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Springfield 3, Harvard 0: When Springfield wins, it tends to dominate. The No. 5-ranked Pride extended its winning streak to five matches with a 30-18, 30-21, 30-19 victory at Blake Arena.

During this run, Springfield (5-3) has won 15 games to its opponents' one. Leading the way yet again was junior All-American Eric Palumbo, who recorded 20 kills on 27 attempts

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Lady Owls prevail in overtime thriller

WESTFIELD - Sophomore forward Lauren Sylvain (Hadley) scored 18 points to lead Westfield State to a 70-66 overtime victory over Bridgewater State on Tuesday.

Westfield, which lost at Bridgewater, 70-56, on Jan. 9, is 8-11 overall and 3-4 in the Mass. State Conference. Bridgewater is 10-9 and 5-2.

Sylvain went from goat to hero in a matter of minutes. The 5-10 shooting guard/forward had an opportunity to win the game in regulation, but she missed two free throws with 2.4 seconds remaining.

Sylvain, who played 22 minutes in a reserve role, then scored eight of Westfield's 14 points in overtime. She drained a 3-point basket and a 15-foot jumper to give the Owls a 61-58 lead with 3:28 remaining.

Sylvain then hit an off balance jumper just beyond the foul line for a 69-64 Owl lead with 17 seconds remaining. Sylvain made 1 of 2 free throws with nine seconds remaining for the game's final points.

Led by a dominating second-half effort from 5-10 junior forward Colleen Feeney (Providence, RI), Bridgewater State rallied from a 14-point deficit.

Feeney only had four points at halftime when the Owls led 32-21. But she finished with a game-high 30 points, including the Bears' final 11 points of the second half and eight of their 10 overtime points.

Trailing 55-43, Bridgewater State outscored Westfield, 13-1 in the final six minutes of the second half. The Bears had an opportunity to win the game in regulation, but Westfield sophomore forward Andrea Wasuk (Lenox) swiped the ball from Feeney with six seconds remaining.

Wasuk drove the length of the floor and dished the ball to Sylvain underneath the basket. Sylvain was fouled with 2.4 seconds remaining but missed her free throws.

Wasuk finished with 15 points, 13 rebounds and four steals before fouling out with 1:12 left in overtime. Just prior to fouling out, Wasuk made two consecutive layins to give the Owls the lead for good, 65-62. Westfield senior reserve forward Kristen Strole (Agawam) also nailed a clutch 17-foot baseline jumper for a 67-64 Westfield lead at the 1:04 mark.

The Owls had four players in double figures. Junior guard Betty Dely (Waltham) scored 14 points and freshman forward Molly Brogan (Mendon) had 10 points. The Owls out-rebounded the Bears, 52-32.

Bridgewater's only other player in double figures was Catie Furtado (Taunton) with 13 points.

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Corriveau leads Westfield by MCLA

2/24/07

WESTFIELD – Freshman guard Krista Corriveau (Plainville, CT) scored a season-high 21 points to lead Westfield State to a 61-48 victory over MCLA in the regular season finale for both teams.

Westfield (10-15, 5-7) clinched the No. 5 seed in the conference postseason tournament. MCLA (10-15, 3-8) is the sixth and final seed. Westfield State will play a first round game at Worcester State on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 7:00 p.m. The semifinals and finals are scheduled for No. 1 seed Fitchburg State on Friday at Saturday, Feb. 23-24.

The Owls jumped out to an 18-6 lead in the game's opening seven minutes and led by 20 points, 32-12, with 2:25 left in the first half.

MCLA then went on a 12-0 run to pull within eight points, 32-24, with 17:00 left in the game. Sparked by Corriveau, the Owls regrouped to hold a double-digit lead for most of the second half.

MCLA did whittle the Owl lead to seven, 51-44, with 4:32 remaining, but Corriveau drained a 3-pointer for a 54-44 lead with 2:19 remaining.

Corriveau scored 17 of her 21 points in the second half, including three 3-point baskets. The 5-4 guard also was 6-for-6 from the foul line and had a game-high four steals.

Posting another double-double for Westfield was sophomore forward Andrea Wasuk (Lenox) with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Junior Betty Dely (Waltham) scored 13 points.

Freshman forward Laura Silverman (Ballston Lake, NY) led MCLA with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Senior guard Kristen Lewis scored 11 points.

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Wasuk ignites Westfield

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When her team needed it the most, Andrea Wasuk remained cool under pressure.

Local roundup

Wasuk sank three free throws over the final 18 seconds of overtime to lift the Westfield State College women's basketball team to a 71-69 victory over visiting Framingham State last night.

The sophomore forward from Lenox finished with 22 points and 15 rebounds. Wasuk's last two defensive boards led to the game-winning foul shots.

Wasuk was fouled while grabbing a rebound with 18 seconds left, and she calmly hit both shots for a 70-69 lead. She rebounded Framingham's final shot with two seconds left and hit one more free throw for the final margin.

Teana Siv of Easthampton led Framingham (6-10, 0-6 MASCAC) with a game-high 25 points.

Krista Corriveau scored 13 points for the Owls (7-10, 2-3).

Mount Holyoke 70, WNEC 62: Joeanna Silvey shot 6 for 10 from the field and 13 for 19 from the foul line en route to a game-high 27 points for the host Lyons.

Angela Astuccio and Ludlow's Marisa Barone added 10 points apiece as Mount Holyoke improved to 13-5.

Tiffany DeRosa led the Golden Bears (5-10) with 16 points, while Jen Dabrowski chipped in with 12. Sharon Simoncelli had nine points and 10 rebounds.

HCC 69, STCC 31: Dominique Finkley scored 16 points and Erin Russell 15 as host Holyoke Community upped its record to 15-1.

Jen Ricci also had 15 points for STCC (3-8).

MEN'S BASKETBALL

WNEC 71, Emmanuel 67: Western New England kept its momentum going by picking up its third straight victory, this time on the road.

Jim Bayne notched a game-high 17 points as the Golden Bears (11-7, 8-2 GNAC) swept the season series against Emmanuel, with both wins coming by four points.

Ryan Hernandez added 15 points, and Kyle Fredette tossed in 10. Deon Thomas had 13 rebounds.

Westfield State 82, Framingham State 79: Curtis Gadles scored 29 points, but it was his final three that made the difference.

Gadles drained a 3-pointer with 0.9 second remaining to lift the host Owls (12-6, 3-2 MASCAC).

Holyoke's Josue Almodovar led Framingham (7-11, 1-5) with a game-high 31 points. His driving layup with six seconds left tied the game at 79 and set the stage for Gadles' heroics.

Westfield battled back from three 10-point deficits in the second half.

Elms 75, Worcester State 53: Senior guard Bill Beauregard of Ware scored a game-high 13 points to pace the host Blazers.

Elms (10-6) used a 21-4 first-half run to put away Worcester State and rack up its sixth win in seven outings. The Blazers' only defeat in that span came against No. 2-ranked Amherst Jan. 16.

WRESTLING

Rhode Island College 44, WNEC 3: Scott Rowan won at 135 pounds for host Western New England.

UMASS HOCKEY FOCUS

FOURTH SEED IN REACH: With a strong finish, the **University of Massachusetts** hockey team can still host a playoff series. It all begins tonight when the Minutemen play at UMass-Lowell, 2-12-2 and last in the Hockey East standings. UMass hosts second-place Boston University tomorrow night at 7 at the Mullins Center in Amherst. UMass (8-6-1 Hockey East), tied for fourth with Maine, trails third-place Vermont by three points and fourth-place Boston College by two. The top four teams host first-round playoff series. The Minutemen have one game remaining against Boston College, and two against Vermont, all on the road. The also have two left with Maine – both at the Mullins Center.

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Wasuk named All Conference

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Sophomore Andrea Wasuk

Westfield State sophomore forward Andrea Wasuk of Lenox was selected to the 2007 Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) women's basketball all-conference second team.

Wasuk led the Owls in scoring with 363 points in 26 games for a 14.0 per game average. She also led the Owls in field goal shooting (48 percent), and rebounding (7.7 per game).

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Ramapo smacks Westfield State, 11-1

3/15/07

PORT CHARLOTTE, FL. — A 19-hit attack led Ramapo College of New Jersey to an 11-1 victory over Westfield State in baseball action Wednesday.

Ramapo boosted its record to 8-2; Westfield is 3-3.

Ramapo led 2-0 after three innings then broke open the game with six runs in the middle frames.

Ramapo catcher John Callandrello was the game's hitting star, going 4 for 4 with four RBI. Ramapo leadoff batter Nick Sharra was 3 for 6 with two RBI and two runs scored. Sharr smacked a double for the game's only extra base hit.

Westfield had eight hits, with top first three batters in the lineup collecting seven of them. Justin Parr was 3 for 4 with a run scored and Jay Brown and Scott McIntyre were both 2 for 3. Jeff Fields rapped a runscoring single.

Three freshmen — Pete Rogan, Steve Boyle and Michael Carr — handled the pitching chores for the Owls. Rogan threw the first four innings to suffer the setback.

Ramapo's two pitchers teamed up for 11 strikeouts and two walks.

Defensively, Westfield committed two errors but did turn four double plays.

Wagner hits 5-for-5 to lead WSC

3/14/07

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. - Freshman second baseman Ben Wagner (Cumberland, RI) was 5 for 5 with three RBI to lead Westfield State to a 13-6 victory over Saint Michael's College of Vermont on Tuesday.

Westfield improved to 3-2 while Saint Michael's remains winless at 0-5.

Wagner's hits were all singles. In his sixth plate appearance, he drove in the Owls' final run with a sacrifice fly.

Westfield scored three runs in the third inning and six in the fifth to take a 9-2 lead. Saint Michael's tallied two runs in each of the middle innings to make the score 10-6.

The Owls pulled away, scoring a run in the seventh and two in the ninth.

Three players collected 11 of Westfield's 17 hits. Junior designated hitter Jay Brown was 3 for 5 with two RBI and two runs scored. Freshman outfielder Mike Trachtenberg was 3 for 5 with a double and two runs scored.

No. 8 hitter Tim Pilczak of Cohasset, Mass., was the big slugger for Saint Michael's with a homer, double and four RBI.

Freshman Jesse Vermeersch was the winning pitcher; he threw into the sixth inning, allowing seven hits and one walk while striking out five. Freshman Andy Poliferno pitched 3 2-3 innings of effective relief to earn a pitching save. He allowed no walks and four hits and fanned two.

NOTES: Junior third baseman Garrett Kendziera was hit by pitches three times in the game. He set a school record last year when he was hit by pitches 12 times. He has been plunked four times this season.

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Westfield State rolls on

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Everyone knows the sound an owl makes.

For the Owls of Westfield State College it's "Who?" As in, "who in the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference can beat them on the baseball diamond?"

Thus far, that answer is "nobody."

Westfield improved to 6-0 in MASCAC play with a doubleheader sweep yesterday over host Worcester State. The Owls (10-9) overcame a 5-2 deficit to win game one 6-5 and cruised to a 9-6 victory in the nightcap.

Catcher Adam Franke of Monson tied the opener with a sacrifice fly in the top of the fifth inning. Garrett Kendziera later scored the eventual winning run on a passed ball.

Jeff Fields and Mike Trachtenberg each delivered two-run singles to lift the Owls in the second game. Franke added another sac fly. Westfield led 9-0 after four innings before the Lancers (9-12, 3-3) tried to claw back in.

UMass, GW split: Bill Rankin went 2 for 2 and drove home a pair of runs as host UMass bested George Washington 5-4 in yesterday's first game at Earl Lorden Field.

Travis Munsey was 2 for 3 with the lone RBI as the Minutemen (9-14, 4-7 Atlantic-10) took a 6-1 defeat in the nightcap.

A pair of local standouts fared well at the plate in game one. South Deerfield's Bryan Adamski was 3 for 3, and Chicopee's Ryan Franczek was 2 for 5. Adamski also pitched a perfect ninth to get the save.

Amherst, Williams split: Jared Banner went 3 for 3, including a key two-out double, to help host Amherst win the first game 5-3. Robert Allemand drove in a pair of runs to lead Williams to a 7-3 win in the nightcap.

Chris Edgar pitched well for the Jeffs (9-8, 4-2 NESCAC) in the opener, allowing three runs on six hits in 5⅓ innings.

Staff photo by DAVID MOLNAR

Massachusetts' Jim Macdonald fouls off a pitch during the second inning of Game 1 at Amherst yesterday.

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Roundup

Williams' Ryan Fote went eight innings in game two, allowing only one earned run with six strikeouts.

HCC splits: Chicopee's B.J. Robinson ripped two doubles and drove in a run to lead host Holyoke Community to a 4-3 win over Manchester CC in the second game of the twinbill.

Gerry Lamoreaux and Jake Chastain had two hits apiece as the Cougars (7-11) dropped the opener 3-2.

WNEC splits: Eric Smolin struck out 11 and walked only one as visiting Western New England toppled Johnson & Wales 5-2 in the nightcap at Providence, R.I. Ryan Kravontka closed the scoring with a solo home run in the seventh.

Steve Hanjack of Enfield had a two-run single in the fourth inning of the opener, which the Golden Bears (14-8) lost 4-3 in eight innings.

West Springfield's Travis Schwamb and Westfield's Tom Horgan were among four WNEC players with two hits each in the second game.

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TRACK

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Headley also won the 200 meters and was a part of the winning 4x100 relay as SC won a quad meet at Coast Guard.

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WNEC women's lacrosse enjoying success

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Local college notes

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While its men's lacrosse team has spent an overcast spring basking in the light of an increasingly higher national ranking, the Western New England College women's team has been enjoying more than its own share of success.

The Golden Bears, 5-0 in New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance play and 8-3 overall, defeated Smith College 19-12 yesterday in a non-conference game to run their winning streak – one that began March 31 in their NEWLA opener, after they'd lost three of their first four – to nine games.

Offensively, the Golden Bears, who are coached by eight-year veteran Aimee Kle[illegible]ki, have been paced by Au[illegible] Kelton, one of only four seniors on the team. Kelton has 67 points on 24 goals and 43 assists.

Two Western Massachusetts natives are right up there on the WNEC scoring list. Former Amherst Regional High School standout Lindsey Fenton is second in scoring with 36 points and leads the team in goals with 33, while former Minnechaug Regional player Michelle Thompson is fourth, with 20 goals and six assists.

Senior Lauren Archambault, a Westfield product, has been an outstanding starter on defense.

Fenton, a sophomore, has been named NEWLA Rookie of the Week two of the first four weeks of the season, while WNEC goalie Brie Sylvia, a sophomore, has been named Defensive Player of the Week twice, and sophomore defender Erin Conn was cited once.

WNEC athletes were honored this week in both baseball and softball, with Golden Bears senior Eric Smolin voted GNAC Pitcher of the Week, and freshman outfielder Lauren Arsenault named that conference's softball Rookie of the Week

WESTFIELD STATE: After three years as a club sport, Westfield State added women's lacrosse to its list of intercollegiate teams, bringing that total to 18.

And, the Owls women are holding their own quite nicely.

Westfield, led by former Nichols College head coach Janna Cunningham, won two of its first four games. The Owls, who have only one senior and four juniors among their 20 players, have beaten Pine Manor and Regis, and lost to Emerson and Castleton St.

Junior Kasey Rogers (10 goals, two assists) of West Springfield and sophomore Kaitlin Welsh (five goals, seven assists) of Wilbraham are tied for second in scoring, with 12 points each. Wilbraham natives Whitney Baugh and Jen Searles and West Sider Jessica Bruso also play for the Owls.

In softball, Westfield sophomore Chelsea Sylvia, who is playing her first year of college ball, has been named MASCAC pitcher of the week following a week in which she pitched five games, allowing only four earned runs and striking out 33.

AIC: Junior Caitlin Mooney of Wilbraham, who scored seven of her team's 16 goals in the Yellow Jackets' first lacrosse victory of the season, is the fifth player in program history to surpass the 100-career point plateau.

Mooney and fellow Pioneer Valley products Katie Warner and Lindsey Wolfe, both of Westfield, have scored 54 of American International College's 64 goals. Mooney has 24 goals and two assists for 26 points, while Warner, a freshman, is 18-5–23 and Wolfe, a senior, is 12-6–18.

AIC is 1-8.

Thrower Tom Clarke of the first-year Yellow Jackets track and field team has been named Northeast-10 Conference track and field Freshman of the Week. Clarke finished fourth in the shot put and sixth in the discus and javelin at the Wesleyan Invitational.

SPRINGFIELD: Pride sophomore Jake Beebe was named Pilgrim Lacrosse League Player of the Week for his efforts in a three-game stretch in which his team went 2-1.

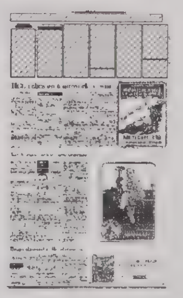
Beebe scored seven goals and had five assists, and has a team-leading 17 goals and 19 assists for 36 points. He leads the conference in assists and points and is tied for fourth in goals.

Springfield's doubles team of Andrew Constant and Joe Lisi, who went 2-0 in a pair of conference matches, was named NEWMAC Doubles Team of the Week.

SC's Samantha Rhodes was named NEWMAC Pitcher of the Week after going 2-0 with a 2.06 ERA in games against MCLA and WPI. The sophomore lefty allowed only 12 hits and two walks, while striking out 21 in 17 innings.

ELMS: Senior outside hitter Byron Bledsoe and freshman setter Ivan Andujar have been named to the All-North East Collegiate Volleyball Association New England Division first team. They're the first players in team history to earn first team honors.

The Blazers' Athletic Hall of Fame will grow by two in Sep-



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Westfield State lowers boom and broom on MASCAC

Broom sales are booming in the city of Westfield.

The Westfield State baseball team continued its dominance in the Mass. State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC) by sweeping a doubleheader from Bridgewater State with a pair of one-run victories (4-3, 6-5) on April 22.

Westfield is now 10-0 in conference play and 14-10 overall. Bridgewater is 4-4 in the conference and 13-10 overall.

Sophomore Scott McIntyre (Bristol, CT) played hero for Westfield in game two when he smoked a no-out, bases-loaded single up the middle to drive in the game-winning run in the last inning. McIntyre had four hits and two RBI in the twinbill, including an RBI double in game one.

Westfield freshman second baseman Ben Wagner (Cumberland, RI) also had a big day at the dish. Wagner tallied five hits, including a double, and scored four runs in the doubleheader.

In game one, Westfield freshman pitcher Jesse Vermeersch (Marlboro) went the distance, giving up only three hits while striking out two.

Horgan becomes WNEC's all-time leader in hits

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The Owls took a first-inning 2-0 lead on an RBI double by McIntyre and a run-scoring single by junior designated hitter Jay Brown (East Windsor, CT).

Westfield plated another two runs in the bottom of the third to take a 4-0 lead. Freshman left fielder Jeff Fields (Pittsfield) smacked an RBI single and sophomore first baseman Cagney Turner was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Bridgewater put up single runs in the fourth, fifth, and sixth innings. With the tying run on first base in the seventh, Vermeersch induced pinch-hitter Kenny Downey (Braintree) into a 1-6-3 game-ending double play.

Steve Smith (East Taunton) went 1 for 3 with a double, stole a base, and scored two runs for Bridgewater in the opener.

In game two, Westfield freshman Dave Glass (Pittsfield) pitched a complete game, allowing seven hits and striking out five.

Heading into the final inning and down a run, Bridgewater center fielder Andrew Dillon (Whitman) smoked a two-out single to left field to knot the score at 5-5.

But in the bottom half of the inning, Westfield quickly loaded the bases with singles by Mike Trachtenberg (Newton), Wagner, and Justin Parr (North Attleboro). With the infield drawn in, McIntyre ripped a single up the middle to win the game - his teammates mobbing him as he came off the field.

Westfield outhit Bridgewater, 11-7. Wagner was 4 for 4 with a double

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and three runs scored. McIntyre and Trachtenberg both belted two singles.

Bridgewater third baseman Mark Claffey (Bellingham) was 2 for 3 with three runs scored. Catcher Kelly LaDow (East Falmouth) went 2 for 4 with two RBI.

WNEC 11, Norwich 1; WNEC 17, Norwich 1

Senior first baseman Tom Horgan (Westfield, MA) became the Western New England College all-time hit leader after leading the Golden Bears to an 11-1, 17-1 doubleheader sweep over visiting Norwich University in a Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) baseball doubleheader Sunday (April 22) at sunny Trelease Park.

Horgan had four hits, including three in the second game, that gave him 198 for his career. The old mark was 197 set by former teammate Jeff Mauritus from 2002-05.

Senior center fielder Garrison Ward (Wyckoff, NJ) had a big game with six hits in the two games along with five runs and three RBI.

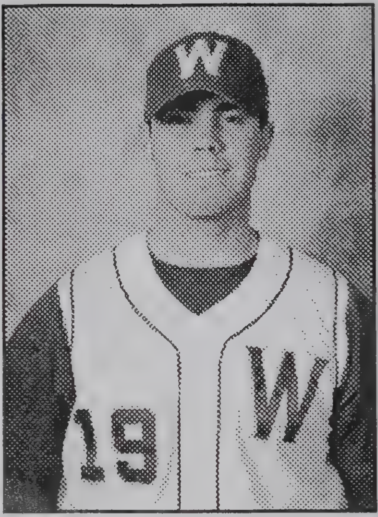
Junior designated hitter Travis Schwamb (West Springfield, MA) went 3-for-3 with four RBI, including a three-run homer in the second contest. Junior shortstop Ryan Kravontka (Glastonbury, CT) added four hits during the afternoon along with four RBI and three runs.

Sophomore Jason Pizzoferrato (Windsor, CT) and senior Mike Richardson (Hanover, MA) were the winning pitchers.

Western New England College (22-8) has a nine-game winning streak entering the GNAC Tournament on Thursday. The Golden Bears will receive a first-round bye after compiling a 12-2 conference mark.

Norwich freshman shortstop Alex Duplessis (Marlboro, MA) and sophomore catcher Jim Kiritsy (Whitinsville, MA) each had two hits in the opener.

Senior catcher Aaron Ward (Greenwich, NY) went 3-for-3 in the second game, including the 100th hit of his career. Senior center fielder John Healy (Plymouth, MA) also had two hits,



TOM HORGAN

The Cadets fall to 5-19 and 4-10 in the GNAC.

SOFTBALL

Bridgewater State 1, WSC 0; WSC 5, Bridgewater 3

Westfield State and Bridgewater State split a doubleheader as the top two softball teams in the Mass. State Conference squared off on Sunday,

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Bridgewater took the opener, 1-0, and Westfield came back to win the nightcap, 5-3. The teams remain tied for first (8-2 records) with four conference games remaining in the regular season.

In the opener, Bridgewater freshman Erin Christensen (Jefferson/Wachusett High School) tossed a five-hit shutout. The southpaw only struck out two but did not issue a walk.

Westfield sophomore standout Chelsea Sylvia (South Dartmouth/New Bedford) was the tough-luck loser. She allowed six hits and no walks and fanned nine.

The Bears scored their run in the top of the sixth. Leadoff batter Ciana Godin (Worcester/Notre Dame Academy) singled to right field on an 0-2 pitch way out of the strike zone, and Nicole Hebert (Taunton) sacrificed her to second base. Godin advanced to third on a sacrifice hit by Danielle Trull-Donahue (Stoughton).

Sophomore Allie LeBlanc (Somerset) then delivered the game-winning blow when she ripped a single to left field on a 3-2 pitch.

Christensen collected two of Bridgewater's six hits. Sophomore Katie Gorman (Feedling Hills) doubled for Westfield.

In the second game, Westfield finally got on the scoreboard after stranding five base runners in the first three innings, including a bases-loaded, no-out situation in the opening frame.

Sophomore Jackie Mason (Florida, MA/Drury) smacked a two-run triple to deep center field to give the Owls a 2-0 fourth-inning lead.

Bridgewater came right back in the fifth with a three-run uprising to knock out Westfield starting pitcher Casey Riddell (Athol).

With no outs and the bases empty, Lindsey Allison (South Easton) ripped a double off the glove of Westfield third baseman Adrienne Walker (Springfield/Sci-Tech). Sophomore Whitney Howe (Worcester/Doherty) - Bridgewater's No. 9 batter - then smashed a home run over the left field fence to tie the score.

Godin was then hit by a pitch and scored on Hebert's double to the left-center gap that glanced off the left fielder's glove.

Westfield put together a three-run uprising of its own in the bottom of the sixth. Senior catcher Liz Patricelli (Hudson) pounded a double deep over the center fielder's head to lead off the decisive sixth.

After a strikeout, Mason walked and sophomore Lindsay Jardin (Assonet) beat out a bunt single to load the bases. Walker then drove in the tying run on a fielding error by the shortstop that kept the sacks full.

The game-winning run scored on a wild pitch, and senior Rosemary Dowling (North Andover) added an insurance tally with a sacrifice fly.

Westfield outhit Bridgewater, 11-5. Patricelli, Mason, Jardin, and freshman Kim Brennan (Douglas) each had two safeties. Howe was 2 for 3 for the Bears.

Sylvia picked the pitching victory in relief, recording the final seven batters she faced after issuing a walk.

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Westfield St. eyes title

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It's going to take more than a couple of losses to the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts to make a veteran like Ray Arra panic.

Arra, who's been in the business of teaching young men how to play baseball for more than four decades, looking at a possible undefeated Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference season Tuesday, when his 10-0 Westfield State College Owls dropped both ends of a doubleheader to MCLA, 7-5 and 3-1.

That changed the MASCAC race from neat to sloppy, and now the Owls, who have two conference games remaining – a Saturday doubleheader at Salem State – still have some work to do. Westfield (10-2, 15-12), which could have clinched the conference championship with one win in North Adams, has a magic number of one (Owls victory or MCLA loss) to clinch a tie for the title, and two to win it outright.

MCLA (7-3, 12-13) plays twin-bills against Bridgewater (6-4, 15-11) and Framingham (2-8, 7-13) Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

But right now, all that seems secondary to Arra. At age 66, he's building more than a championship season, he's building a program.

"I'm trying to develop a four-year team, a continuing program," says Arra, who is in his third season at the Owls helm. "Our key thus far has been that we have good, hard-working kids, great teammates. I've gone after only good kids, and we're very young and very talented."

This is the first team Ara has recruited, and of 25 players there are one senior, three juniors, nine sophomores and 12 freshmen.

Although there are only three players from the Pioneer Valley on the team, one is starting catcher Adam Franke of Monson.

"Adam's a good ballplayer," Arra says. "He's got one of the strongest, if not the strongest, arms in the league. He's developing. He's a mentally tough kid and he's going to be a very good hitter, with a lot of power, in the future."

Franke, is tied for third on the team in RBIs with 16, despite having 25-30 fewer at-bats than leaders Ben Wagner and Scott McIntyre, who have 19 each. Wagner, a freshman second baseman is the team's leading hitter at .422, and McIntyre, an outfielder who was an all-NEFC wide receiver last fall, is batting .385.

Pitcher Ken Vautrin of South Hadley and Franke's backup Aaron D'Amario of Feeding Hills are the other area players on the Owls. Vautrin, who recently pitched a three-hit shutout against Clark, has three starts in five appearances.

Local notebook

AIC: Former Agawam High School star Theresa Bonavita is riding a 10-game hitting streak for the American International College softball team, a skein that has her headed for her best college season yet.

Bonavita, a four-time All-Scholastic choice by The Republican, has gone 17-33 (.515) with 10 RBIs during the streak, to raise her average to a team high .382. She leads the team in doubles (14), on-base percentage (.417) and slugging percentage (.577, and her 22 RBIs are second to third baseman Tara Demontier's 27.

Bonavita, who earned first team All-Northeast-10 status as a sophomore by hitting .335, has been particularly tough on NE-10 pitchers this season. She's hitting .448 and slugging .690 in 17 conference games. Her conference OPS (on-base + slugging average) is 1.174.

Deanna Zanetti, a sophomore out of Minnechaug Regional, has also saved her best for conference games. The shortstop, hitting .266 in all of AIC's 38 games, is batting .360 with a .480 slugging average and .439 on-base average in 18 NE-10 games.

Junior Megan Nickerson of Greenfield, The Republican 2004 Pitcher of the Year, is 3-1 with a team-best 3.05 ERA as a reliever and spot starter for the Yellow Jackets.

AWAY AT SCHOOL: Joe Kowalczyk and Vinnie Wiliams, former three-sport athletes at Minnechaug Regional and Central high school, respectively, were cited this week by the Northeast 10 for their track and field exploits. Kowalczyk, a post-graduate student at Assumption College, was named NE-10 Field Athlete of the Week for his shot put and discus victories at the Connecticut College Silfen Invitational, while Williams, a senior at Stonehill College, made the conference's weekly honor roll for his setting the school record in the 200 meters, and placing second in the 100 meters, at the MIT Spring Co-Ed Invitational . . . Former high school foes Nicole Fecteau of Minnechaug and Alicia Cunningham of Westfield are sophomore teammates on the Salve Regina women's lacrosse team. Fecteau is second on the team with 23 goals and four assists for 27 points, while Cunningham leads the team in groundballs with 35 and has seven goals on only 15 shots.

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Sweet sweep for Trailblazers

MCLA takes two from Westfield State

College roundup

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NORTH ADAMS — With the momentum of an 8-3 record over its last 11 games heading into Tuesday, the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts baseball team rose to the challenge when Westfield State, the pride of the MASCAC, came to Zavattaro Athletic Complex.

By the time the Owls left several hours later, there was a new top dog in the conference. MCLA swept Westfield, ruining the Owl's previously perfect conference record with a pair of 7-5 and 3-1 victories.

"I'd seen them play, and I felt that we matched up with them," Trailblazers head coach Jeff Puleri said. "I just think we came out with the goal of winning two ballgames. Even when we fell behind, we battled back with the confidence that saw us through."

MCLA faced a tough challenge after falling behind 5-1 in the top of the second inning of Game 1. But the 'Blazers gradually got back into the game and erased their deficit by scoring four times over the next three innnings.

MCLA took the lead for good in the sixth as Matt Burke led off the inning with a single and went home after a double from Darren Jefferson. After Jefferson moved to third on a single, Anthony Bruno brought him home with a sacrifice fly.

Trailblazers starter Jim Pesente, who struggled through that five-run second inning, shut down Westfield in every other frame. He went the distance and improved his record to 4-4 by striking out four and allowing eight hits and five runs.

Game 2 began with a burst of offense but quickly settled into a pitchers' duel. The Owls scored a run in the first thanks to a leadoff triple by Ben Wagner and a subsequent RBI groundout, but the hosts responded by scoring twice in the bottom of the inning. Jefferson and Pat Negrini led off with a single and a double, respectively. They eventually scored on RBI from Bruno and Steve Sullivan.

It was all the run support starter Sean Kelly needed. The freshman had his best performance of the season, tossing a complete-game three-hitter to earn the win.

Sullivan led the MCLA offense with four hits and two RBI, while Negrini added three hits, two runs and two stolen bases.

At 12-13 and 7-3 in MASCAC play, the Trailblazers still trail Westfield (14-12, 10-2) in the standings, but they are only two wins away from achieving a winning record — a remarkable feat given that they started the season with six straight losses.

"We're growing up a little bit, but at the same time we've been in every ballgame throughout the early struggles," Puleri said. "It's great to get two wins, but we still haven't clinched a berth for the league playoffs."

MCLA hosts perennial MASCAC heavyweight Bridgewater State for a doubleheader at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Williams men's lacrosse

WILLIAMSTOWN — Since a season-opening three-game winning streak, the Williams College men's lacrosse team has been nothing but inconsistent, trading wins and losses for nearly a month.

That pattern continued Tuesday as the Ephs rebounded from Saturday's loss to Trinity with a victory — but it was no ordinary win. Williams broke a 13-year losing streak against Middlebury by defeating the six-time defending NESCAC champion Panthers 10-6 at Renzie Lamb Field.

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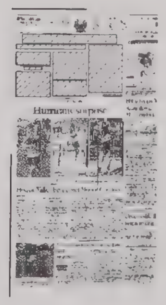

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Westfield State rolls on

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Everyone knows the sound an owl makes.

For the Owls of Westfield State College it's "Who?" As in, "who in the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference can beat them on the baseball diamond?"

Thus far, that answer is "nobody."

Westfield improved to 6-0 in MASCAC play with a doubleheader sweep yesterday over host Worcester State. The Owls (10-9) overcame a 5-2 deficit to win game one 6-5 and cruised to a 9-6 victory in the nightcap.

Catcher Adam Franke of Monson tied the opener with a sacrifice fly in the top of the fifth inning. Garrett Kendziera later scored the eventual winning run on a passed ball.

Jeff Fields and Mike Trachtenberg each delivered two-run singles to lift the Owls in the second game. Franke added another sac fly. Westfield led 9-0 after four innings before the Lancers (9-12, 3-3) tried to claw back in.

UMass, GW split: Bill Rankin went 2 for 2 and drove home a pair of runs as host UMass bested George Washington 5-4 in yesterday's first game at Earl Lorden Field.

Travis Munsey was 2 for 3 with the lone RBI as the Minutemen (9-14, 4-7 Atlantic-10) took a 6-1 defeat in the nightcap.

A pair of local standouts fared well at the plate in game one. South Deerfield's Bryan Adamski was 3 for 3, and Chicopee's Ryan Franczek was 2 for 5. Adamski also pitched a perfect ninth to get the save.

Amherst, Williams split: Jared Banner went 3 for 3, including a key two-out double, to help host Amherst win the first game 5-3. Robert Allemand drove in a pair of runs to lead Williams to a 7-3 win in the nightcap.

Chris Edgar pitched well for the Jeffs (9-8, 4-2 NESCAC) in the opener, allowing three runs on six hits in 5⅓ innings.

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Massachusetts' Jim Macdonald fouls off a pitch during the second inning of Game 1 at Amherst yesterday.

Roundup

Williams' Ryan Fote went eight innings in game two, allowing only one earned run with six strikeouts.

HCC splits: Chicopee's B.J. Robinson ripped two doubles and drove in a run to lead host Holyoke Community to a 4-3 win over Manchester CC in the second game of the twinbill.

Gerry Lamoreaux and Jake Chastain had two hits apiece as the Cougars (7-11) dropped the opener 3-2.

WNEC splits: Eric Smolin struck out 11 and walked only one as visiting Western New England toppled Johnson & Wales 5-2 in the nightcap at Providence, R.I. Ryan Kravontka closed the scoring with a solo home run in the seventh.

Steve Hanjack of Enfield had a two-run single in the fourth inning of the opener, which the Golden Bears (14-8) lost 4-3 in eight innings.

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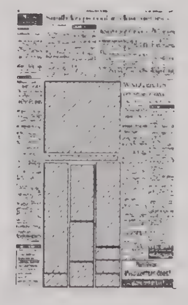

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Owls ride cycle to win

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By **SENTINEL STAFF**

WESTFIELD, Mass. — Greg Ford got the toughest part of his day out of the way early.

The junior designated-hitter launched a first-inning triple on his way to hitting for the cycle, highlighting Keene State's 8-0 non-conference baseball victory over Westfield State on Thursday.

The Owls improved to 16-9.

"Hitting for the cycle is something I've dreamed about doing," Ford said. "It was in the back of my mind when I got up in the last inning."

After his triple, which drove in two runs, Ford extended the lead to 3-0 with a solo home run in the fourth.

Westfield State (10-10) chose to intentionally walk Ford in the fifth, but he roped a double in the seventh, driving in his fourth run of the game. He ripped a single down the right-field line in the ninth to complete the cycle.

"The right fielder made a nice play of cutting the ball off down the line," Keene State Coach Ken Howe said. "If he doesn't make that play, Ford doesn't get the cycle."

Freshman Mike Riley was the first of six Keene pitchers, who combined on the six-hit shutout. Riley, Julian Lugo and Mike Cook each allowed one hit in two innings of work, while Rob DelBuono, Kevin Binney and Ben Sonberg each worked scoreless single innings.

Riley was the only pitcher to allow a walk. Cook, who pitched the fifth and sixth innings, earned the win to improve to 3-0.

The Owls travel to Manchester today to take on Little East foe Plymouth State at Merchantsauto.com Stadium.

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Rivalry hubbub
Birds rock

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It's going to take more than a couple of losses to the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts to make a veteran like Ray Arra panic.

Arra, who's been in the business of teaching young men how to play baseball for more than four decades, looking at a possible undefeated Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference season Tuesday, when his 10-0 Westfield State College Owls dropped both ends of a doubleheader to MCLA, 7-5 and 3-1.

That changed the MASCAC race from neat to sloppy, and now the Owls, who have two conference games remaining – a Saturday doubleheader at Salem State – still have some work to do. Westfield (10-2, 15-12), which could have clinched the conference championship with one win in North Adams, has a magic number of one (Owls victory or MCLA loss) to clinch a tie for the title, and two to win it outright.

MCLA (7-3, 12-13) plays twin-bills against Bridgewater (6-4, 15-11) and Framingham (2-8, 7-13) Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

But right now, all that seems secondary to Arra. At age 66, he's building more than a championship season, he's building a program.

"I'm trying to develop a four-year team, a continuing program," says Arra, who is in his third season at the Owls helm. "Our key thus far has been that we have good, hard-working kids, great teammates. I've gone after only good kids, and we're very young and very talented."

This is the first team Ara has recruited, and of 25 players there are one senior, three juniors, nine sophomores and 12 freshmen.

Although there are only three players from the Pioneer Valley on the team, one is starting catcher Adam Franke of Monson.

"Adam's a good ballplayer," Arra says. "He's got one of the strongest, if not the strongest, arms in the league. He's developing. He's a mentally tough kid and he's going to be a very good hitter, with a lot of power, in the future."

Franke, is tied for third on the team in RBIs with 16, despite having 25-30 fewer at-bats than leaders Ben Wagner and Scott McIntyre, who have 19 each. Wagner, a freshman second baseman is the team's leading hitter at .422, and McIntyre, an outfielder who was an all-NEFC wide receiver last fall, is batting .385.

Pitcher Ken Vautrin of South Hadley and Franke's backup Aaron D'Amario of Feeding Hills are the other area players on the Owls. Vautrin, who recently pitched a three-hit shutout against Clark, has three starts in five appearances.

AIC: Former Agawam High School star Theresa Bonavita is riding a 10-game hitting streak for the American International College softball team, a skein that has her headed for her best college season yet.

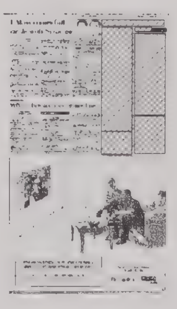
Bonavita, a four-time All-Scholastic choice by The Republican, has gone 17-33 (.515) with 10 RBIs during the streak, to raise her average to a team high .382. She leads the team in doubles (14), on-base percentage (.417) and slugging percentage (.577, and her 22 RBIs are second to third baseman Tara Demontier's 27.

Bonavita, who earned first team All-Northeast-10 status as a sophomore by hitting .335, has been particularly tough on NE-10 pitchers this season. She's hitting .448 and slugging .690 in 17 conference games. Her conference OPS (on-base + slugging average) is 1.174.

Deanna Zanetti, a sophomore out of Minnechaug Regional, has also saved her best for conference games. The shortstop, hitting .266 in all of AIC's 38 games, is batting .360 with a .480 slugging average and .439 on-base average in 18 NE-10 games.

Junior Megan Nickerson of Greenfield, The Republican 2004 Pitcher of the Year, is 3-1 with a team-best 3.05 ERA as a reliever and spot starter for the Yellow Jackets.

AWAY AT SCHOOL: Joe Kowalczyk and Vinnie Wiliams, former three-sport athletes at Minnechaug Regional and Central high school, respectively, were cited this week by the Northeast 10 for their



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Westfield State clinches NCAA tourney bid

Elms softball wins conference title

Local colleges

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The Westfield State College baseball team earned its way into the winner's bracket of its conference tournament, and then made that advantage pay off.

After losing yesterday's first game to Salem State, the Owls turned the tables on the Vikings in the nightcap, winning 13-1 to earn their first trip to the NCAA tournament since 1984.

Westfield State (20-15) won the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference's automatic berth in the Division III field.

"This is my first recruited team," third-year Owls' coach Ray Arra said. "Our freshmen have been developing, our [illegible] has been developing, and we got better as we went on.

"I'd expected us to be good this year, but I wasn't sure how good," Arra said.

The Owls entered yesterday unbeaten in the MASCAC's double-elimination tournament, which was played in Westfield. Salem State had one defeat, and needed a two-game sweep.

The Vikings won 5-4 in a 10-inning opener, but Westfield State collected 16 hits in the winner-take-all second game.

Owls' freshman Ben Wagner, the league rookie of the year, went 4 for 6 in the clincher, raising his average to .412.

Junior outfielder Jay Brown and sophomore first baseman Cagney Turner had three hits each. Freshman Jesse Vermeesch fired a five-hitter against Salem State (20-20).

An eight-run third inning gave him a 9-0 cushion.

Westfield State, which expects to find out its NCAA opponent tomorrow or Wednesdsay, is 17-8 since beginning its northern schedule.

Westfield State nearly won the title in the opener. Two Owls' runners were thrown out at the plate, but they still took a 4-2 lead into the ninth before Salem State rallied to tie the game.

Richmond 6, UMass 4: After riding a six-game winning streak – their longest since 2003 – the Minutemen (18-20, 10-11 Atlantic 10) lost their second straight to the Spiders (28-20, 16-5) at Amherst.

Andy Tuetken had two of UMass' eight hits.

Amherst 6, Bentley 3: Teddy Blank hurled five scoreless innings, and Neal Allar had three hits for the Lord Jeffs (19-12).

SOFTBALL

Elms 4, Lasell 2: Junior Tammie Tremblay of Springfield tossed a seven-hitter, and the Blazers upset the top seed in the North Atlantic Conference final.

No. 4-seeded Elms (18-11) earned a spot in the NCAA Division III tournament for the second straight year. The Blazers won four straight in the NAC tournament, including two over Lasell (27-14). Brackets for the NCAA tournament will be announced today.

Tremblay earned NAC Tournament MVP honors. Teammates Jen LeDoux of Easthampton and Christina Giampetruzzi of Westfield joined her on the all-tournament team.

UMass 5-3, La Salle 0-0: There was no letdown for the Minutewomen (34-12-1, 18-0 Atlantic 10), who extended the nation's longest winning streak to 23 games, and longest home skein to 29.

Brandice Balschmiter and Bailey Sanders each threw a two-hit shutout. Balschmiter struck out 16.

Amanda Acampora homered in the second game for UMass.

MEN'S LACROSSE

WNEC HOSTS: After drawing a first-round NCAA Division III tournament bye Wednesday, Western New England College (16-0) will play at home against either Keene State (15-0) or Merchant Marine Academy of Kings Point, N.Y., (13-3), in Saturday's second round.

Game time is yet to be determined.

No. 3-ranked WNEC is the Pilgrim League champion, and one of three unbeaten teams in the 20-team field. The others are Keene State and No. 1-ranked Salisbury (Md.), which is 19-0.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

WNEC PLAYS: Western New England (14-5) will play at Cortland State (14-3) in a first-round game of the 24-team NCAA Division III tournament Wednesday, at a time to be determined.

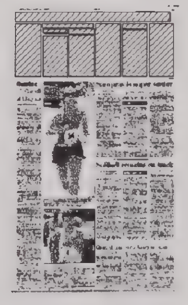
WNEC won the New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance title. Cortland State is the State University of New York champion.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Amherst 5, Coll. of N.J. 0: With its decisive NCAA Division III victory at home, Amherst (16-4) advances to the national quarterfinals May 15, against an opponent to be determined.

MEN'S TENNIS

Middlebury 5, Amherst 2: The NCAA Division III road loss ended a 14-6 season for Amherst, which was seeking a spot in the quarterfinals.



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Amherst tennis falls short in title quest

Local colleges

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A fabulous season ended yesterday for the Amherst College women's tennis team – one match short of a national title.

Washington & Lee claimed [illegible] NCAA Division III title with a 5-2 victory in the final at Fredericksburg, Va. Amherst finished an 18-5 season, but the season isn't over for Brittany Berckes and Alicia Menezes, who will remain at the site of the final this weekend for the NCAA Individuals.

The Berckes-Menezes doubles team won in doubles yesterday. Berckes also won in singles, while Menezes lost to 2006 NCAA individual singles champion Emily Applegate.

Williams fell 5-3 to Sewanee (Tenn.) for third place.

BASEBALL

Skidmore 2, Westfield State 1: Adam Franke of Monson got as far as third base in the ninth inning, but was stranded as the tying run, as Westfield State (20-17) was ousted from the NCAA Division III regional at Auburn, N.Y.

Steve Sullivan fired 4⅔ innings of two-hit relief for the Owls, who finished their first NCAA tournament appearance since 1984.

Franke had two hits for Westfield State, which had chances but left nine runners on base.

It was still a highly successful year for the Owls, who won with "small ball" by hitting only one home run all season, but executing 47 sacrifice bunts. Their opponents hit nine homers, but had only 19 sacrifices.

Xavier 4, UMass 3: Ryan Franczek of Chicopee and Mike Donato had two hits each for UMass (21-24, 12-13 Atlantic 10), but Xavier (26-28, 16-9) scored in the last of the 10th to win at Cincinnati.

Bryan Adamski of South Deerfield's RBI tied the game in the eighth, moments after Donato's homer had cut into Xavier's 3-1 lead.

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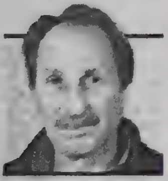
Union's Cuozzo delivers in clutch

Former King Philip lacrosse star gets Liberty all-star nod

Former King Philip High three-sport star **Allie Cuozzo**, a freshman at No. 9 nationally-ranked Union College (9-4), was named to the Liberty League all-star lacrosse team. Cuozzo scored game-winning goals in three of the last four regular season games, including league games William Smith and Vassar. She had a career high five goals and seven points at Hartwick and is hot entering the postseason, with 18 points in her last four games and 12 goals in the last four games ...


PETER GOBIS

Former North Attleboro High Rocketeer **Justin Parr** was named the MVP of the NCAA Division III Regional Tournament-qualifying Westfield State (20-17) baseball team and selected to the All-MASCAC Team for the third straight season. The senior shortstop, batting No. 2 in the order, hit at a .324 rate and had a team-best 12 stolen bases and 13 sacrifice bunts. "Justin has great bat control," said coach Ray Arra. "He's also a great fielder. I think he's one of the best infielder in all of New England" ...

Bishop Feehan High senior **Darcy Demers**, the Shamrocks' reigning No. 1 singles player the past four seasons and defending MIAA Singles Tournament champion, will be attending Sacred Heart University in Connecticut. Demers has won three rounds thus far in the MIAA Singles Tournament, reaching the round of the Elite Eight Saturday at Old Rochester. The Shamrocks' No. 1 doubles team of Amanda Pope and Cathy Barrett, who have won four matches thus far, in the Doubles Tournament, will be there as well ...

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Community Field will be the site for the **Hockomock League all-star baseball game** Monday evening, the first pitch at 7 p.m. ...

Norton High senior **John Norcott** won the 18-and-under New England Power Lifting Championship this past weekend, and received the outstanding lifter for the whole competition. He squatted 600 pounds, dead-lifted 540 and benchpressed a total of 3,435 pounds ...

Attleboro High product **Lakisha Leach**, the sophomore outfielder for the Becker College softball team (4-20) was named to the North Atlantic Conference all-star team, leading the league in hitting with a .511 average and having an .830 slugging percentage ...

Former Foxboro High three-sport standout **Brittany Jamieson** was named the Freshman Female Athlete of the Year at Worcester State College after the soccer and lacrosse seasons. However, her rookie lax season was cut short as she tore an ACL in late April and will undergo surgery in June, thus likely to be out for the soccer season for the Lancers ...

"He's been great, he's made so many game-saving like catches for us," said Foxboro High baseball coach **Glen Conlon** of Warrior senior centerfielder **Stephon Neville**. "And he has some pop in his bat,

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Falcons fall in tourney

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By Chris Maza
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WESTFIELD — And just like that, the roller coaster ride came to a screeching halt.

The Fitchburg State College baseball team lost back-to-back games to Westfield State and Salem State, Saturday, at Westfield State College's Alumni Field, the Falcons from the 2007 MASCAC Baseball Championship.

"We didn't come to play all day long," Fitchburg State head coach Pete Egbert said. "It's just little basic things. We had guys not doing things they had done all season. It was very uncharacteristic."

After defeating MCLA in the opening round of the tournament Thursday, the Falcons first fell to Westfield State, 12-7. The Falcons had a chance for redemption in a second game against Salem State, which, had they won, would have given them a rematch with the Owls in the championship game. Instead, they headed home, dropping the game, 6-3.

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Poor pitching was the story in both games and shoddy defense plagued Fitchburg State in the first. Neither Kris Breen or Keith Weagle made it past the sixth inning in their starts and Fitchburg committed four errors in Game 1, leading to four unearned runs.

"I thought we played as poorly in the second game as we did in the first game," Egbert said. "The errors don't show that, but we didn't' execute our philosophy. Our starting pitchers struggled to get the ball over the plate."

The one surprising exception was seldom-used freshman Ryan Dauley, who combined for 6⅔ of scoreless relief over the two games. He allowed an inherited runner to score against Westfield State, but then retired the four of the next five batters to complete 1⅔ innings of scoreless work. Against Salem, he tosses 4⅔ innings, allowing just three hits. Relieving Weagle with one out in the fifth, he took care of the first eight batters he faced, striking out one and inducing six ground balls before giving up back-to-back singles in the eighth.

Offensively, the Falcons could not get the hits when they needed them. In the two-game set, Fitchburg State left 23 men on base. They left 10 men on against Westfield and twice left the bases loaded — once with one out as the next two batters struck out swinging. They stranded 13 versus Salem State, leaving the bases full three times. It appeared the Falcons would have no problem scoring runs in the first game.

In the first two innings against Westfield State, the Falcons scored five runs, on six hits, including two doubles and a two-run homer.

They scored three times in the first on RBI singles from Matt Slattery (1-for-4, RBI) and Jeff Paquette (2-for-5, RBI) and a sacrifice fly from Breen (1-for-2, RBI).

Westfield responded in the bottom of the inning, taking advantage of three walks by Breen to grab a 5-3 lead. Garrett Kendziera (3-for-4, 5 RBIs) blasted a three-run double to left-center and Cagney Turner (2-for-3, 3 RBIs) knocked in two more with a two-bagger down the left-field line.

The Falcons evened the score in the top of the second as Curt Heher hit a two-run homer over the 375-foot marker in left-center.

But after that, the Fitchburg State bats fell silent, thanks to Steve Sullivan. The Westfield State closer was called on in an unorthodox role, taking over for started Dave Glass in with two men on and one out in the third inning. He walked Shawn Kinney to load the bases, but then struck out the next two batters to end the threat.

After that, he sent down nine of the next 10 batters and went 6⅔ innings, allowing two runs ^ one earned — on three hits.

The Owls took the lead in the bottom of the third when Ben Wagner hit a bases-loaded RBI single.

They scored two more in the bottom of the sixth when Kendziera hit a single to cen-

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ter to drive in a run and Adam Franke hit a sacrifice fly to drive in another, bumping the Westfield State advantage to 8-5.

Fitchburg State cut into the lead in the seventh when Kinney walked with the bases loaded to drive in Slattery.

But Westfield State answered in the bottom half, touching reliever Nick Ryan for four runs — two earned. Steve Burdrett singled to center, driving in two, Kendziera hit an RBI single, and Turner sacrificed for another run.

Fitchburg finished off the scoring with an RBI double by Troy Dimauro (3-for-5, RBI). The Falcons never led in the second game against Salem State as the Vikings jumped out to a quick 5-0 advantage in the second inning. After loading the bases, Weagle walked in two runs, then gave up a double off the left field fence, leading to three more runs.

The Vikings added the last run in the third on an RBI groundout by Matt Gustorf.

"They only had six hits, but they scored six runs on six hits," Egbert said. "The only way you can do that is on walks or booting the ball. We didn't boot the ball, but it was those walks that killed us."

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Westfield State College splits softball doubleheader

WESTFIELD, Mass. — Westfield State College split a non-conference softball doubleheader vs. Western Connecticut State University on Tuesday.

Westfield (9-4) took the first game, 6-3, while Western Connecticut (8-8) rallied to win the nightcap, 5-2.

In the opener, Western Connecticut scored all three of its runs in the fourth inning to take a 3-1 lead. Westfield tied the score in the home half of the fourth on an RBI single from sophomore Katie Gorman (Feeding Hills) and an RBI single by freshman Danielle Luttenegger (Sunderland).

The Owls scored the winning run in the fifth when sophomore Jackie Mason (Florida, MA/Drury HS) singled, advanced to second on a sacrifice hit by Rosemary Dowling (North Andover), and scored on a double by freshman Angela Cole (Plainville, MA).

Westfield tacked on two insurance tallies in the sixth on a two-run double by Mason.

Both teams collected 11 hits, but all of Western Connecticut's were singles. Mason was 4 for 4 with two doubles and two RBI. Junior designated hitter Mary Cunningham (North Grafton) was 2 for 3 with an RBI.

Junior Stacey DiMaggio (Hopewell Juntion, NY) was 3 for 4 for the Colonials, who stranded 10 baserunners. Brittany Finkeldey (Ivoryton, CT) was 2 for 4 with two RBI.

Sophomore Chelsea Sylvia (South Dartmouth) went the distance for the pitching victory. Sylvia, who got out of a bases loaded, one-out jam in the seventh, walked three and struck out four.

In the second game, Western Connecticut trailed 2-1 after six innings, but crossed the plate four times in its final at bats. Westfield State committed four errors in the inning and the Colonials collected three hits, with the big blow a two-run double by sophomore Loren Angiolillo (Wolcott, CT).

Western Connecticut outhit Westfield, 12-4. Finkeldey was 4 for 4 and Angiolillo was 3 for 4 with two doubles, two RBI and a run scored. Freshman Rebecca Andruskiwec (Orange, CT) was 2 for 4 with a double and an RBI.

Gorman blasted an RBI triple for the Owls and senior catcher Liz Patricelli (Hudson) clubbed an RBI double in the sixth inning to give the Owls a short-lived 2-1 lead.

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The Owls only outhit the visitors, 7-5, but Becker's three pitchers issued a total of 19 walks.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

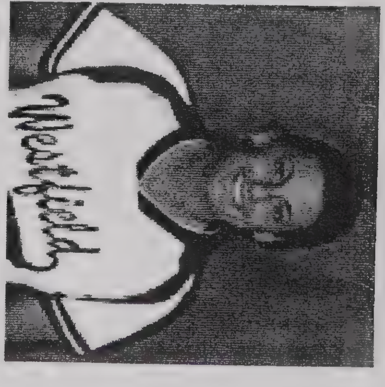
WESTFIELD STATE 18,
Pine Manor College 0

Westfield State College won the first women's lacrosse game played in school history in convincing fashion.

Scoring the historic first goal for the Owls was junior Whitney Baugh (Wilbraham) 2:27 into the game.

Baugh finished with three goals and two assists while freshman Ally Brown (Andover) led all scorers with four goals and two assists.

Sophomore Kaitlin Welsh of Wilbraham totaled three goals and three assists. Freshman Amanda Aborn (Waltham) - who assisted on the game's first goal - tallied three goals.



Junior catcher Liz Patricelli was named softball co-Player of the Week in the Mass. State Conference.In four games last week, Patricelli collected 6 hits in 9 at bats, with 5 runs scored, 5 RBI, 4 walks, 3 stolen bases, and a triple. The Westfield State softball team placed second in the Mass. State conference and hosted a first round tournament game last Thursday.

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New Bedford's Chelsea Sylvia is 7-3 with a 0.94 ERA at Westfield State College.

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MCLA softball is back on track

Berkshire Eagle Staff

NORTH ADAMS — The MCLA softball team has endured its share of heartbreak recently, losing a pair of one-run games and a pair of 2-0 shutouts in consecutive doubleheaders.

In yesterday's first game, the Trailblazers were throttled 12-0 by Westfield State. MCLA bounced back in the nightcap, as Jen McMurray tossed a complete-game, seven-hitter in a 2-1 victory. That win ended MCLA's five-game losing streak.

Westfield scored first in the nightcap, taking a 1-0 lead on an RBI ground out by Jen Raymond in the top of the second inning.

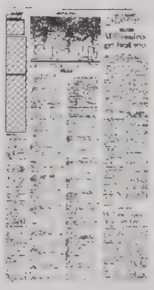
The Trailblazers tied the game in the home fourth when Carissa Everett singled, took second on Jen Raftery's sacrifice bunt and scored on Sarah Davitt-Sweeney's double.

MCLA was the beneficiary of a leadoff error that put Chris Mahar on first. Ashley Hausworth doubled and after Lauren Darrow popped out, Jenna Williams singled to right, easily scoring Mahar to end the game.

In the first game, Westfield got a four-hit shutout from pitcher Chelsea Sylvia. The Owls scored 11 runs (10 earned) on 17 hits against Darrow in 6 1-3 innings. Katie Gorman homered for Westfield.

Everett had a big twinbill at the plate, going 4-for-5. Former Drury High star Jackie Mason was 3-for-9 in the doubleheader. She was 2-for-5 in the opener with a run scored and two runs batted in.

MCLA is now 3-19 and 3-7 in MASCAC play, while Westfield is 17-12 and 9-3.



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"This win was a good benchmark for us," Ephs head coach George McCormack said. "It means we're headed in the right direction."

Williams led the entire way in what would become an offensively-oriented game. After the two teams traded early goals, the score remained 1-1 for most of the first quarter. With 1:54 left in the period, however, Chris Merwin netted a shot for the Ephs, starting a four-goal run that would have the hosts leading 5-1 at halftime. Williams led by as much as five but never less than three the rest of the way.

Both goalies enjoyed great days as the Ephs' Mike Gerbush and the Panthers' Alex Palmisano each recorded 17 saves. Williams won despite losing the ground ball and faceoff battles.

Merwin led the Ephs with three goals, while Mike Vrla added two goals and an assist. Dixon Hargrove had a goal and two assists.

Williams (7-4) visits Bowdoin at noon Saturday.

MCLA softball

NORTH ADAMS — A hard-luck season reached its toughest point over the weekend when the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts softball team dropped four MASCAC games by a combined six runs.

On Tuesday, MCLA showed that it could take out any conference foe by rallying from 12-0 loss in the first game of a doubleheader to beat Westfield State 2-1 in the nightcap at Zavattaro Athletic Complex.

The Trailblazers managed the split thanks to Jen McMurray, who entered the circle in the last inning of Game 1 and stayed there through the entirety of Game 2. She gave up seven hits but limited Westfield to just one earned run in the second inning.

MCLA tied up the score when Sarah Davitt-Sweeney's double in the fourth scored Carissa Everett.

The Owls then threatened to steal a victory in the top of the seventh by loading the bases with no outs. McMurray managed to escape the jam, and the 'Blazers won as Jenna Williams' walkoff single scored Chris Mahar in the bottom half of the frame.

Westfield won the first game with a prolific offensive attack that earned 19 hits and 12 runs, delivering MCLA starter Lauren Darrow her seventh loss of the season. The Trailblazers managed four hits but failed to score.

Everett led MCLA with four hits and a run. Westfield centerfielder Jackie Mason, a former player at Drury, had three hits and two RBI.

The 'Blazers (3-19) visit Skidmore at 3 p.m. Thursday.

Williams men's tennis

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. — Despite missing top players like Dan Greenberg and Gary Simonette, the Williams College men's tennis team routed Skidmore 9-0 on Tuesday.

With the NESCAC Championships seeds already determined, the match became a mostly meaningless tuneup, and the Ephs only fielded six players. Those six, however, tore through the Thoroughbreds' lineup. Only Ben Davidson at No. 6 singles needed more than two sets to get a win.

Williams (11-5) visits Vassar today at 4 p.m. for its last regular-season contest.

Williams women's tennis

WILLIAMSTOWN — Despite a 14-3 record and victories over national powerhouses like Emory and Washington and Lee, the Williams College women's tennis team received only the No. 4 seed as the field for the upcoming NESCAC Championships was unveiled Tuesday.

The Ephs were seeded behind Middlebury, Bowdoin and Amherst even though Williams defeated the Polar bears 7-2 last Saturday. The Ephs face No. 5 Tufts in the first round of the tournament, which will be held at Amherst, at 1 p.m. on Friday. If they win, they will advance to play No. 1 Middlebury in the semifinals on Saturday.

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AT COLLEGE

Sylvia back in the game

By ED COLLINS
Standard-Times staff writer

Chelsea Sylvia thought she wouldn't miss playing softball, but that wasn't the case.

After enrolling at Emmanuel College and sitting out her freshman season, Sylvia decided she had to get back into action.

She ended up transferring to Westfield State College and quickly picked up where she had left off as a sophomore pitcher for the Owls.

"It took me a little while to get back into the swing of things, but now it feels like I never stopped playing," said Sylvia, a business management major from South Dartmouth. "I've rounded back into form and I'm happy to be back playing again."

Sylvia, who transferred to New Bedford High School after her sophomore season at Bishop Stang, is 7-3 with a 0.94 earned-run average for the Owls (14-7, 6-0 Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference).

She pitched a complete-game one-hitter and struck out 11 batters on Saturday to help lead the Owls to a 4-1 win over Worcester State College in the opener of a doubleheader, and the team took the nightcap by a score of 3-0.

Sylvia, who has a six-pitch repertoire that includes a fastball, curve, screwball, drop, rise and changeup, said she has matured on the mound.

"I'm a little older and more experienced. I played against some good competition in high school and that was a big help," said Sylvia. "I have confidence in all of my pitches, but my changeup is the pitch I go to when I need a big out. It's been a very effective pitch for me, because it keeps batters off balance."

The Owls have another local player who is doing well this season in sophomore outfielder Lindsay Jardin, who hails from Assonet and played her high school softball at Apponequet Regional High School.

Jardin, who has also played some shortstop for the Owls, is hitting .396 with nine runs batted in. She was named the MASCAC Player of the Week after putting together a .388 batting average with four runs batted in and five runs scored in five games during the team's season-opening trip to Cocoa Beach, Fla.

"We have a good all-around team," said Sylvia. "We can hit the ball, and my teammates always play good defense behind me. It's been a fun season so far, and I'm glad I made the decision to start playing again."

LEMENAGER SHARP FOR SACRED HEART

New Bedford's **Beth Lemenager** and sophomore **Megan Spehar** combined to strike out 15 Mount St. Mary's players and allowed just one run between them to help lead the Sacred Heart University softball team to a doubleheader sweep on Saturday by scores of 2-1 in eight innings and 2-0.

A junior right-hander, Lemenager pitched a three-hitter and notched five strikeouts in the nightcap for the Pioneers, who improved to 10-16 overall and 3-5 in Northeast Conference action.

CARDOSO EARNS A PAIR OF HONORS

Dartmouth's **Josh Cardoso** was named the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Division III Hitter of the Week and the Little East Conference Player of the Week for the week ending April 15.

A sophomore shortstop at Rhode Island College, Cardoso helped lead the Anchormen (11-8, 4-4 LEC) to three wins with a .714 average (10 for 14), seven runs batted in, six runs scored, a pair of home runs and a triple.

WILBUR, ENOS SHINING AT BRYANT

Amanda Wilbur, a senior center fielder from Lakeville, is hitting .436 with six home runs and 23 runs batted in for the Bryant University softball team.

The Bulldogs have also been led by **Janine Enos,** a junior pitcher from Wareham who's 6-3 with a 1.62 earned-run average.

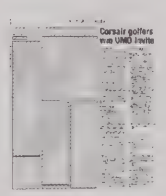
Bryant (15-8, 11-3 Northeast-10 Conference) split a doubleheader against league-rival Southern New Hampshire on Saturday, rallying for a 3-2 win in the opener and dropping the nightcap by a score of 7-6.

HURLEY FUELING PACE ON OFFENSE

Assonet's **Patti Hurley,** a sophomore first baseman, is among the top hitters (.405) on the Pace University softball team.

A graduate of Apponequet Regional High School, Hurley has 13 runs batted in and one home run for the Setters (10-16, 3-9 Northeast-10 Conference), who split a doubleheader against Saint Anselm on Saturday.

Saint Anselm took the opener by a score of 10-6 and Pace evened things up with a 14-9 victory in the nightcap.



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Messers on track for Westfield

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By **MIKE BOGEN**
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Local college notebook

The Messer boys are at it again.

Twins Andy and John Messer, former Westfield High School standouts who last fall ran 1-2 in the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference cross country championships were among a half-dozen individual event winners recently as Westfield State College's Owls won the first MASCAC indoor track and field championship.

The Westfield women, led sophomores Erin Kerr of Hampden, Claire Glabach of Leyden and Marlee Berg of Chelmsford, also captured the MASCAC title.

The Westfield men, who have dominated MASCAC outdoor track to the tune of 10 straight championships and 23 of the last 24, piled up 232 points, more than doubling the total of second-place Worcester State (109). The Owls women were even more dominant. They scored 242 points, beating runner-up Fitchburg State by 165.

Andy Messer won the 3,000 meters, John won the 1,000 and they both were on Westfield's first-place 4x800 relay team, which included junior Andy Strniste of Granby, Conn., and sophomore Brian Frodema of Springfield.

Frodema, a former Cathedral High School athlete, anchored the 4x800 team, and also won the 600 meters for the Owls.

Freshman Luke Scalise of Charlemont, a former Mohawk Trail Regional track athlete, won the 55-meter hurdles, and Wilbraham's Mike Shannon, who went to Minnechaug Regional, took the high jump.

Marc Gomes, a freshman out of Springfield's High School of Commerce, placed second in both the 55- and 200-meter dashes.

In the women's event, the Owls sophomore trio was all over the place.

Former Minnechaug Regional athlete Kerr was the Owls' only double-winner, in the 55 meters and the long jump.

Berg won the triple jump, finished second in the long jump, and was fourth in the high jump and 600.

Kerr and Glabach, a former Pioneer Valley Regional runner who was second in the 55, 200 and 400 meters, both ran on the first-place 4x200 relay team, which Glabach anchored.

Next up for both teams are trips to Maine for the New England Division III championships today and Saturday. The men are competing at Bates College in Lewiston, and the women are at Southern Maine in Portland.

PRIDE IN TOP 10: The Springfield College wrestling team will head into this weekend's New England College Conference Wrestling Association championships at Roger Williams University ranked ninth in the NECCWA coaches' All-New England poll and fifth in the New England Division III poll.

And considering the Pride's January, those rankings have to make head coach Daryl Arroyo pretty happy.

Springfield, which started the season blazing – first of 17 teams in its own Doug Parker Invitational, third of 14 in the Petrofes Invitational and 4-0 in dual meets through December – went 4-11 in dual meets in February, including a 1-9 stretch and a six-meet losing streak that carried over into the month. The Pride righted the ship a bit by winning two of its last three.

Mike Gaeta (141), Marc DeCiccio (157) and Elliot Smith (184) finished first in their weight classes in New England Division III.

Former Western Massachusetts and state champion John Archambeau is 11-6, while David DeLuca of Longmeadow, also a former Western Massachusetts titlist, is 4-8.

ELSEWHERE: Western New England College sophomore Jaime Campo and freshman Krista Goulet, were named Great Northeast Athletic Conference Swimmer of the Week and Rookie of the Week, respectively . . . Springfield College's Tara McCarthy was named New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference women's basketball co-Player of the Week. McCarthy became the 11th SC woman to pass the 1,000-career point plateau, and moved into the No. 10 spot on the Pride's all-time scoring list with 1,009 points . . . Jessica Hunt, a freshman at Bay Path College, has been named North Atlantic Conference Co-Rookie of the Week.

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Westfield women win MASCAC crown

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Westfield State College women's indoor track and field team - 2007 MASCAC champions

MEDFORD – The Westfield State College women's track and field team won the inaugural Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) indoor track and field championships in convincing fashion on Feb. 10 at Tufts University.

The Owls of veteran coach Sean O'Brien racked up 242 points to easily outdistance Fitchburg State (77 points), Salem State (71), Worcester State (69) and Bridgewater (59) in the first official indoor track and field championships in MASCAC history.

Westfield State placed first in eight of the 18 events and was led by a trio of sophomores: Erin Kerr, Marlee Berg, and Claire Glabach.

Kerr was the lone individual double winner, placing first in the 55 meter dash and the long jump. She also finished third in the 400 meter dash, sixth in the 200, and was a member of the winning 4 x 200 relay.

Berg earned points in four events, including a first place in the triple jump. She was second in the long jump and fourth in both the high jump and 600 meter run.

Claire Glabach placed second in three events: 55 dash, 200, and 400. She also anchored the winning 4 x 200 relay. Other relay members were Brianna Tobin and Kristina Conary.

Westfield's other individual champions were Kristy Hassig in the 800 meter run and Lindsey Nowlan in the 1,000. Both also were members of the winning 4 x 800 relay along with Kerry Arouca and Melissa Joyce.

Running on the winning 4 x 400 relay were: Jeannie Channell, Kelsey Ekness, Kelly Muirhead, and Leah Martel.

Placing second were Joyce (mile run), Muirhead (600), Jennifer Daniels (1,000), Tobin (55 hurdles), Martel (high jump), and Kelsey Teal (pole vault).

Tobin (55 dash), Ekness (600), Allison Wesolowski (3,000), and Leah Martel (55 hurdles) all placed third.

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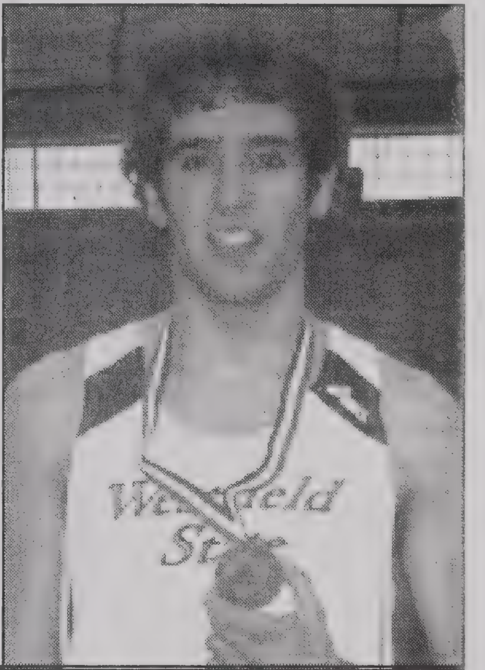
Westfield men win MASCAC indoor track championship



In the most exciting event of the day, John Messer won the 1,000 meter run in a photo finish. Photos By Mickey Curtis

MEDFORD – The Westfield State College men's track and field team continued its dominance indoors by capturing the inaugural Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) indoor track and field championships Feb. 10 at Tufts University.

The Owls - who have one 10 straight and 23 of the past 24 MASCAC outdoor championships - racked up 232 points to easily outdistance Worcester State (109 points), Fitchburg State (79), Salem State (47) and Bridgewater (26) in the first official indoor track and field championships in MASCAC history.

The Owls displayed their depth up front by placing first in nine of 17 events; they were runners-up in 10 events.

Westfield had no individual double winners. MASCAC champions were: Ben Butterfield (400), Brian Frodema (600), John Messer (1,000), Andy Messer (3,000), Luke Scalise (55 hurdles), Chris Flynn (triple jump), and Matt Shannon (high jump).

The Owls also won both relay events: the 4 x 400 (Sean Kavanagh, Ben Butterfield, Pat Brothers, Brian Frodema) and the 4 x 800 (Nate Cristofori, Robbie Crossman, John Messer, Andy Strniste).

Freshman sprinter Marc Gomes placed second in two events – the 55 and 200 meter dashes, while Flynn finished second in the long jump.

Also placing second were: Phil Gingras (mile run), Andy Strniste (800), Robbie Crossman (1,000), Chaz Beard (3,000), Ryan Best (55 hurdles), Jovaney Toledo (shot put), Nathan Landry (weight throw).

Earning points with third places were: John Muse (55 dash), Todd Kittelson (200), Sean Kavanagh (600), and Nate Cristofori (1,000).

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Alison Wesolowski of South Hadley set a Westfield State College record in the 3,000-meter steeplechase race with a time of 12:28.15 at the New England Division III Championship this spring. Wesolowski also helped the Owls capture their ninth straight Mass. State Conference championship by winning the steeplechase in a meet record of 12:31.58.

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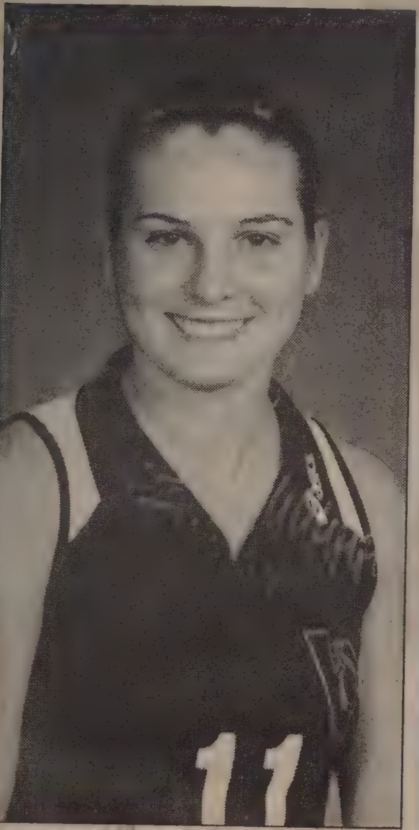

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Elissa Genereux of Belchertown was a junior member of the Westfield State women's volleyball team that finished the season with a 16-16 overall record and placed second in the Mass. State Conference with a 5-1 record. Genereux was one of the team's top players. She set school records this season for most assists in a season 930 and assists per game (9.12). She also set school records for most assists in a three-game match (40) and a four-game match (50).

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Owls finish fourth at New England swim finals

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DURHAM, N.H. - The Westfield State College women's swimming and diving team finished fourth at the New England Division 2-3 championships that were hosted by the University of New Hampshire Feb. 16-18.

It was the highest ever New England finish for Westfield State; its previous best finish was seventh place. The fourth place finish capped the best season in the program's 25-yyear history. The Owls also posted a best ever 9-1 dual meet record this season.

"We swam real well," said Dave Laing, who has been the team's head coach since its inception in 1982. "We had a great meet, a great meet."

Freshman Lindsey Malboeuf led the Owls with a school record setting performance in the 50 backstroke. She placed third in the event and posted a school record time of 29.27 in the trials.

"Lindsey swam unbelievable," said Laing.

Also earning medals for placing in the top six were: Cairsten Beanland, Kara Phelan, Lindsay Hryniewich, and Ariana Mastro.

Complete meet results are still unavailable.

Lindsey Malboeuf capped an outstanding freshman season by placing third in the 50 backstroke at the New England championships. She set a school record with a time of 29.27.

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Westfield State to dedicate brick Alumni Field entrance

By **ALEX PESHKOV**
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WESTFIELD – About 100 bricks engraved with names requested by donors to Westfield State College will be installed at a new entrance plaza at Alumni Field on Friday.

Proceeds from the Alumni Field Brick Campaign, an ongoing fund-raiser by the Westfield State College Foundation, will benefit the school's athletics and facilities, said Susan H. Greaney, a city resident and member of the foundation board.

Greaney, who graduated from the college in 1964, purchased three bricks.

"There will be the names of my granddaughter, Katherine A. Paxton, who was born April 20, 2006; my husband (state Supreme Judicial Court Justice) John M. Greaney, who got an honorary degree from the college in 1994; and myself, because I graduated from Westfield State in 1964," she said.

"To date, the brick campaign has raised nearly $10,000," said Dave Caspole, senior development coordinator for athletics. "About 100 bricks will be in place for the unveiling."

For a gift of $100 a brick, or $250 for three bricks, donors can have a name engraved on the brick. All proceeds of the campaign support the Westfield Fund, which is used to enhance the college's programs and facilities.

HOW TO HELP

What: Alumni Field Brick Campaign

Benefits: Westfield State College Foundation

How much: $100, brick; $250, 3 bricks

For info: Contact Bonnie Clark, (413) 572-8564; e-mail, bclark@wsc.ma.edu; online, **www.wsc.ma.edu/buyabrick**

"This is an opportunity for alumni and friends to be acknowledged and become a part of the proud history of Westfield State College," said Robert Ziomek, executive director of the Westfield State College Foundation. "This exciting project will provide a lasting tribute to friends and family, while helping to ensure the continued success of our rising students."

"I think it's a nice way of remembering people. I've seen this done in other places and I thought it'd be kind of cool. I like the idea of people walking down and reading all the names," said David A. Laing, a faculty member and swim coach who bought three bricks.

"Both my son Brian and and my daughter Katelyn are alumni, so I bought one brick for my daughter and her fiance and another one for my son and his wife," he said.

The third brick will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the college's swim team, Laing said.

"I had a great experience at Westfield State College. I think it's a worthwhile campaign," said Russell A. Thompson, a 1987 graduate and donor.

"For me, this is an opportunity to publicly state my support to the school and help its athletics," said Thompson, a standout basketball player who still holds a number of the school's basketball records and is a member of the college's Athletics Hall of Fame.

"The college is doing a great job in keeping in touch with its alumni and in getting them involved," said Thompson, now lawyer in New York City.

Unveiling of the plaza paved with bricks is part of the campus commencement week activities. An addition to the installation is planned for Homecoming on Oct. 20. Bricks ordered by Aug. 1 can be included in the Homecoming installation, Caspole said.

For more information about the campaign or dedication, contact Bonnie Clark in the development office at (413) 572-8564, or bclark@wsc.ma.edu or visit **www.wsc.ma.edu/buyabrick**

Staff photo by DON TREEGER

David A. Laing, chairman of the Westfield State College movement sciences department, holds a brick he bought to support the college's athletics department.

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WSC holds dedication ceremony

Westfield State College held a dedication ceremony for a new entrance plaza at Alumni Field on Friday, May 18. The plaza is paved with bricks engraved with names requested by donors to the Alumni Field Brick Campaign, an ongoing fundraiser by the Westfield State College Foundation.

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The brick dedication event is part of the campus commencement week activities, and attendees included Peter Laviolette, this year's commencement speaker. The 1986 Westfield State graduate is the head coach of the NHL Carolina Hurricanes, the reigning Stanley Cup champions.

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Brick donors search for their names during the dedication ceremony at Westfield State's Alumni Field on Friday, May 18. (Photo courtesy of Westfield State College)

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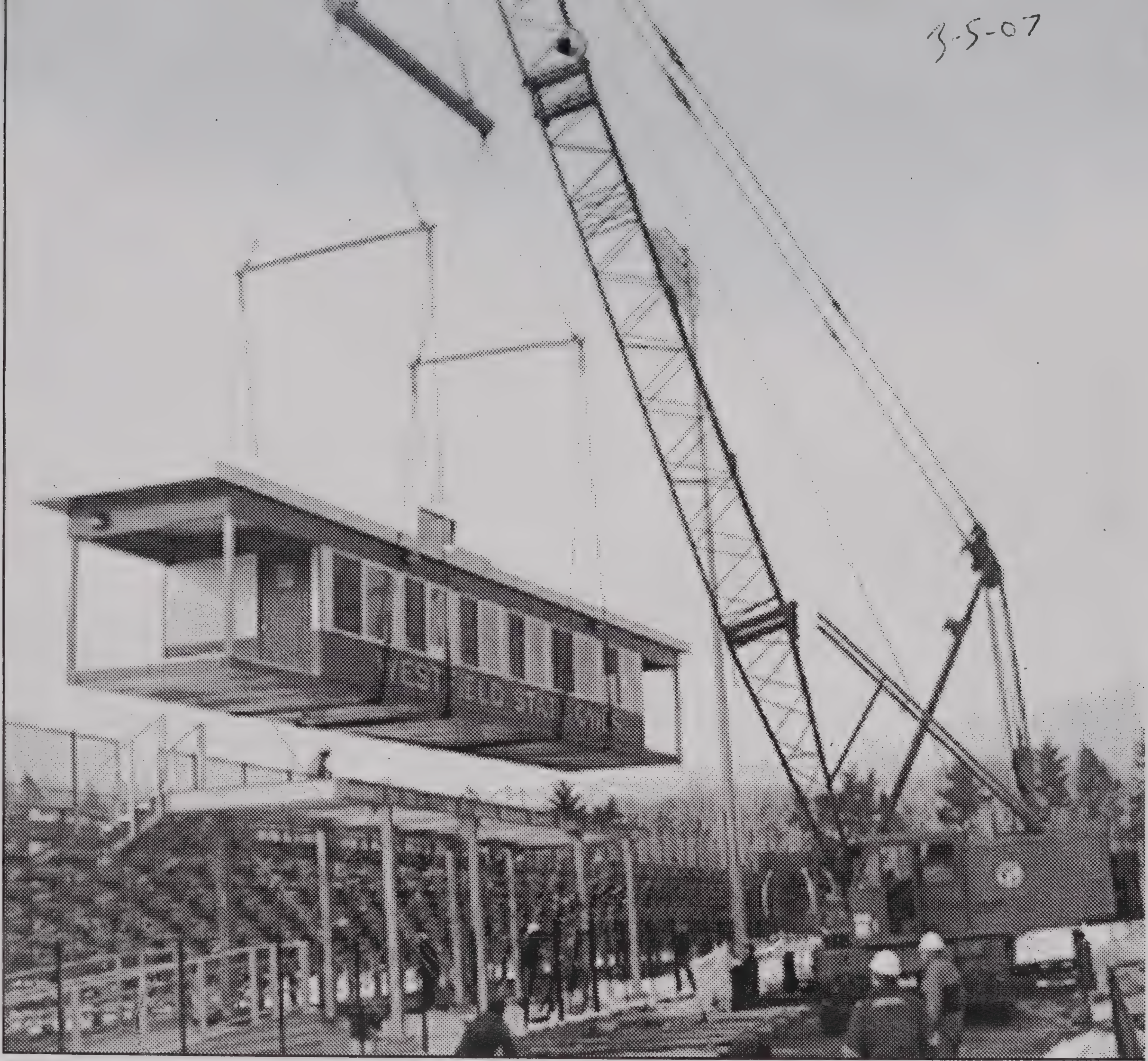

Press pass

A new pre-fabricated press box was delivered to Westfield State College and installed at Alumni Field late last week. The 60-foot box features a main media room area measuring 19 by 10 feet. There are two eight-foot camera platforms on both ends.

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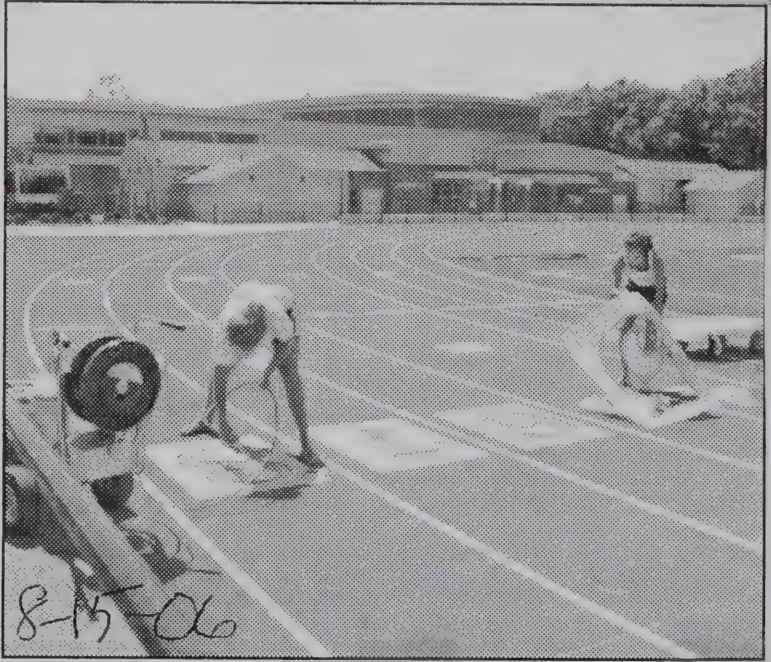
Westfield State project on track

The lines and markings were painted this past weekend on the new eight-lane synthetic surface track and Alumni Field on the Westfield State College campus. Athletics director RIchard Lenfest reports that the running track cannot be used by the general public until Sept. 1. The athletics complex is still classified as a construction zone as work crews have projects to complete over the new few weeks. Once completed, the track and field facility will feature two shot put throwing areas, separate throwing cages for the discus and hammer throw, two long jump runways, and a synthetic surface runway for the javelin. (Submitted photo)



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Westfield: College upgrades facilities

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"I used to remember those steel grids along the sidelines and if the turf was slippery on any given night you're rolling right into them, never mind the ball was constantly doing the same," said Minnechaug Regional boys soccer coach John Ingalls, a 1982 graduate of Cathedral High School. "We played numerous Western Mass. semis and finals. It was a nightmare."

But a necessary nightmare for Westfield State and the outside community that used the all-weather surface.

When the field fell into disrepair in the early 1990s and the state refused to allocate funding to Westfield State to fix it, the field was condemned and lost to everyone.

Westfield State, like many state colleges at the time, was feeling the financial crunch, and turned to the students for help.

"What we did to get a handle on it in '92 when the field was condemned for two or three years because the state chose not to give the college the money at that point and the college did not have the trust fund or the reserves to pay for it, we went to the students and asked the students at that time if they would be willing to absorb a $100 fee," said Robie, who has been at Westfield State for 25 years. "That money would be used as an athletic fee in order to take care of the cost of doing the field, and the students voted yes."

The field was recovered for the third and final time, giving the college and community another 15 years or so of use.

That $100 athletic fee has been a part of the students' fees since then, and is largely the reason why Westfield State is able to replace the Astroturf for good.

"There is absolutely no state money involved in this. The Commonwealth, we were told, would not fund the cost of the field," Robie said. "We're using a little bit of gift money from our capital campaign and we're also using trust fund money."

Robie and Lenfest traveled to schools like UMass-Lowell and Bentley which had similar facilities, as well as Springfield College, which put in two Field Turf fields last summer.

ProGrass of Pittsburgh will put in the Field Turf, the track will be done by Copeland of New York, while Geller Sport, Inc., was the architect for the project. Fontaine Brothers of Springfield are the general contractors.

With the college's name along the sidelines and the athletic emblem in the center for the field for the first time, Alumni Field will have a whole new look.

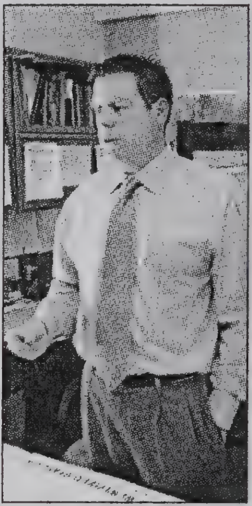
"This facility is really going to be a feather in the cap," Lenfest said. "Our goal is to really get out in the community and get groups over here to see what we have."

Staff photo by **DAVE ROBACK**

Antonio Ferreira of Tand M Equipment of Springfield works on the edge of the track and football surface at Westfield State College last week.

Owls upgrade facilities

Westfield State College's $2.4 million project should once again make Alumni Field a premier site for college and other area events.



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By JEFF THOMAS
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WESTFIELD – That Astroturf at Westfield State College's Alumni Field that was so useful – but so despised – is a thing of the past.

By mid-July, Alumni Field's facelift should be complete, with a new state-of-the-art track surrounding a lush, level Field Turf surface.

The $2.4 million project is the second serious upgrade by Westfield State's athletic department, following the opening of the Woodward Center located in front of Alumni Field.

When all is said and done, Westfield State athletic director Richard Lenfest said the other fields – like baseball and softball diamonds – surrounding Alumni Field will see improvements and maybe another multi-purpose field will be added.

"You're going to have all the facilities of a private school at a state school price," Lenfest said. "We're definitely moving in the right direction."

The new field will accommodate football, soccer, field hockey and women's lacrosse, with different colored markings sewn into the field for each sport.

The 2,400 students who partake in intramural sports will also benefit from the new facility, which includes improved throwing areas.

"For a small school with limited budgets, it's the most economical way to go because you can play up to four sports on the field, you can use it for intramurals and you have very little damage or maintenance to it," said Curt Robie, assistant vice president of administration in charge of facilities. "I think teams still prefer playing on grass but the synthetic field have gotten to a grade where they compare to grass in terms of compaction, the feel and certainly the give for runners."

There was very little give on the Astroturf, a system of a thin indoor carpet-like surface over a sparse rubber matting on top of asphalt or concrete. The only give was the breakdown of the human body.

The use of Alumni Field has spanned well beyond the campus of Westfield State. The Astroturf field was the scene for many Western Massachusetts championships in high school soccer in the 1970s and early '80s, and has since been used by teams of all levels for practice.

The site was a popular one because of the lights that enabled night games, and the surface which could be played on in virtually all weather conditions.

Of course, the players weren't always thrilled with the hard surface and the prominent crown needed for drainage.

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Westfield captures Cup

Tops in state college sports

Staff reports

Westfield State College was the premier sports school in its conference during the 2006-07 academic year.

The college captured the Smith Cup, which is awarded to the top sports program in the eight-team Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference. The Owls nipped Bridgewater State by 2.5 points to win the Cup for the second time in five years, and the sixth since the award's 1973 inception.

"This is an outstanding honor for Westfield State College," athletic director Richard Lenfest said. "The college and the alumni are very proud of their efforts and accomplishments."

The Smith Cup is determined by a point system, based on finishes in each of the MASCAC's 15 men's or women's sports.

Westfield State (39 points) edged Bridgewater State (36.5), which has won or shared nine of the past 12 Smith Cup titles.

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The Owls earned points in 12 of the 15 sports, with first places in baseball, men's and women's track, men's and women's cross country, and men's and women's indoor track.

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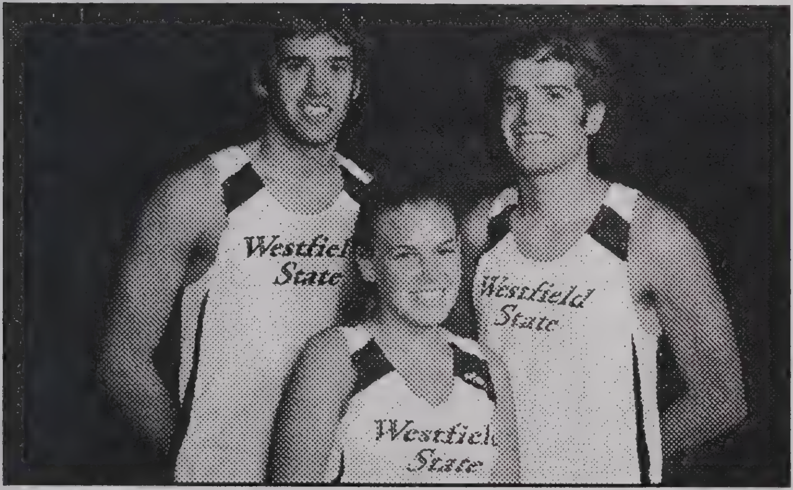
Track twins starring as Owls

By REBECCA EVERETT 1/15/08

Correspondent

For John and Andy Messer, running track started out as just a way to stay in shape for soccer try-outs in the fall. When the twins failed to make the soccer team in their sophomore year at Westfield High School, they joined the cross country team instead. Seven years later, the Messer twins are the star runners of Westfield State College's track and field and cross country teams, and have been recognized across New England.



Westfield State seniors John Messer, left, and Andy Messer. Their sister Katie Messer is a sophomore member of the cross country and track and field teams at Westfield State. (Submitted photo)

The Westfield natives have been All-Conference multiple times in the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) for both track and cross country. In addition, Andy Messer received All New England honors this fall by finishing in the top 35 at the NCAA Division III New England regional cross country championships, an honor that his brother John just missed, finishing 36th.

"All New England is a great achievement," John Messer said, "but I found that we were more excited to win MASCACs as a team because we were all able to be part of the big win. That's what brought us closer together as a team and that's what I see as being most important." Westfield State's men's cross country team won the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference this past fall for the second year in a row.

"They're both fantastic individuals to work with," Westfield State cross country head coach Robert Rausch said of the Messers. "They're wonderful runners, and probably more important, wonderful human beings."

The brothers were co-captains of the cross country team, a responsibility that Rausch said they handled very well. "They're very personable and well-liked by everyone," Rausch said. "They're team-oriented."

"Being a captain took a lot of work," Andy Messer said. "I realized that after being a captain sophomore year and then losing that position my junior year. Senior year I knew I had to be more mature and show more discipline and leadership."

John Messer said of their leadership: "We kind of follow the quote by Confucius 'A superior man is modest in his speech but exceeds in his actions." Rausch said, "they're quiet but set a good example."

Contrary to the quiet image of the captains is the unconventional prerace ritual that they devised this season. When asked about funny stories or rituals, John Messer said. "The best one from this year would be our cheer which my brother thought of. He used the Beastie Boys song "Time to Get Ill."

"Before each race we formed a circle and Andy shouted 'What's the time?' and we all shouted back 'It's time to get ill!'" John remembered.

John and Andy Messer have a unique relationship as twins and teammates, Rausch said. "They're competitive with each other," Rausch said. "but are always willing to let the other win. There are never any hard feelings."

The twins agreed. "Having my brother as a teammate is awesome," John Messer said. "We both push each other to do better, not just in races but in practice as well."

Andy agreed that the two challenge and support each other. Of his winning the team's Outstanding Contributor Award two years in a row, he said "I have to say my brother pushed me all the way into achieving it."

"We consider ourselves both a team and family, no matter what," John Messer said.

John Messer is a senior geography and regional planning major, while Andy is a senior business major. "Our plans for the future are somewhat unclear right now," John Messer said. "But we intend on taking an extra semester here at Westfield State."

As for running, John Messer said, "we both plan on running the Boston Marathon in the near future, so our running will continue."

Andy Messer said his future plans for running include continuing to run local long distance races and "eventually do some unique cross country races that take place around the nation."

He also said that his personal view of running is that a runner should hold nothing back. "Leave nothing out there when you run. You should always have nothing left when you finish that race."

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Messer sets school record in mile run

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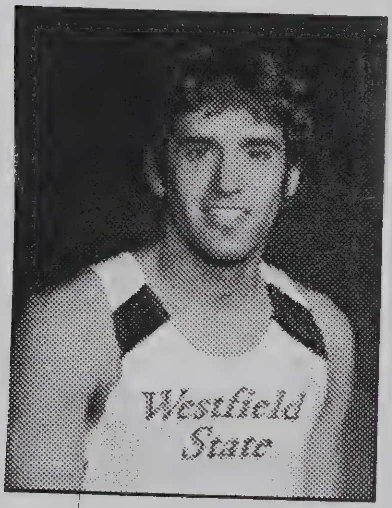
CAMBRIDGE – Westfield State senior John Messer set a school record in the mile run at the ECAC Division III championships held at the Harvard University track and field facility on March 7-8.

Messer, a graduate of Westfield High School, earned all six of the Owls' points in the 58-team meet by finishing third with a time of 4:14.14. Erik Donahue of St. Lawrence, N.Y., won the mile in 4:1[illegible].02 and Amherst's Peter Harris was second in 4:13.81.



JOHN MESSER

Owl track teams win MASCAC championships

PROVIDENCE – The Westfield State men's outdoor track and field team won its 12th straight Mass. State Conference championship on Saturday. Also, it was the 25th MASCAC title in the past 26 years for the Owls.

Westfield compiled 251 points in the six-team meet, easily outdistancing second place Fitchburg (142).

The Owls placed first in nine of the 20 events. Senior John Messer defended his conference crowns in the 800 and 1500. Westfield's other double winner was Michael Chapin in the 110 and 400 hurdles.

Todd Kittelson finished first in the 400 with a fine time of 49.83 and was second in the 200, trailing NCAA Division III national champion Eddie Bynum III of Salem State. Kittelson also anchored the winning 4 x 400 relay with a 48-second lap and was a member of the runner-up 4 x 100 relay.

"Todd carried the team on his back," said Westfield coach Sean O'Brien. "He had an outstanding day."

Also finishing first were: Drew Soltysiak (javelin), Nate Landry (hammer throw), Jovaney Toledo (discus) and the 4 x 400 relay.

Placing second for the Owls were: Phil Gingras (10,000) Dylan Zukowski (110 hurdles), Dave DiRico (400 hurdles), Andy Messer (5000) John Ramsey (high jump}, Toledo (shot put), Joshua Gilcoine (discus) and the 4 x 100 relay.

Third places were recorded by John Connolly (steeplechase), Andy Strniste (800), Anthony Stomski (hammer throw), and Landry (shot put).

Women claim title

The Westfield State women's outdoor track and field team won its 11th straight Mass. State

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wls place 10th at New England Track and Field Championships

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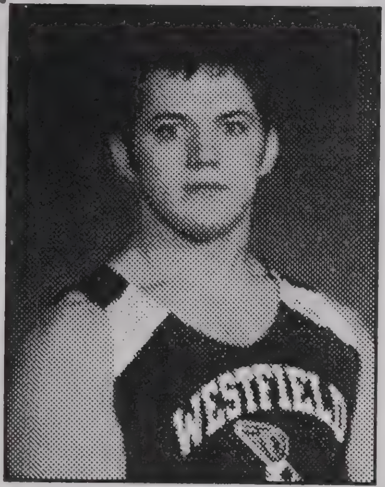
W LONDON, Conn. - The ield State men's track and team placed 10th at the England Division III track field championships held 3 at Coast Guard Academy. vas very pleased with our rmances," said Westfield coach Sean O"Brien, who that his team could have 1 as high as seventh had Messer not sustained a fall in the 1500 meter run. stfield totaled 30 points st New England's best, led senior standout Drew siak, who won the javelin with another consistent of 191-02.


DREW SOLTYSIAK

The Westfield native edged WPI freshman standout Jeff Baker, who heaved the spear 189-11.

"The weather was not good, but the weather never affects Drew," said O'Brien. "He throws well whatever the weather conditions."

Teammate Tyler Merchant placed sixth in the javelin with a throw of 177-10.

Other individual All New England performers were Todd Kittelson (third, 200 meter dash, 21.92), Michael Chapin (eighth, 400 hurdles, 56.88), and John Ramsey (sixth, high jump, 6-3/4).

The Owls also picked up points by placing fourth and seventh, respectively, in the 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 relays.

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The 4 x 100 relay of Chapin, Kittelson, Sean Kavanagh and Scott Barschdorf was clocked in 43.4.

The 4 x 400 relay of Brian Frodema, Daniel Stahelski, Kavanagh and Kittelson was clocked in 3:26.33.

Meanwhile, for the women's track team, Westfield State junior Marlee Berg won the New England Division III heptathlon championship.

The versatile junior from Chelmsford compiled 3,908 points in the seven-event competition. Wheaton's Morgan Jamiel placed second with 3,717 points.

Berg led the Owls to a 16th place finish in the New England championships; Westfield totaled 15 points.

Also earning All New England honors was Caitlin Handcock, who placed fourth in the high jump by clearing 5-1.

Kerry Arouca placed 12th the steeplechase but she shattered her own school record in the event with a time of 11:57.10.

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Westfield State pulls out win

9/14/2007

By FRAN SYPEK
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Senior Megan Wolski scored with 16 minutes, 24 seconds remaining to snap a tie and lift Westfield State College to a 2-1 field hockey decision over host Western New England College yesterday.

Athol's Alicia Gardner also scored for the 4-0 Owls. Cori Eggert scored for the 0-5 Golden Bears.

Morning briefing

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LOCAL COLLEGES

Westfield rolls

Senior forward **Megan Wolski** scored three goals for **Westfield State College** to help lift the Owls to a 7-0 win over **Elms College** yesterday in a non-conference field hockey game. It was the season opener for both teams. Senior **Cat Hanks** and sophomore **Libby Bouley** combined for six stops in the shutout . . . Senior goalie **Cindy Armand** turned aside six shots, but **American International College** fell 2-0 to **Bentley College** in a Northeast-10 game last night on the turf at Springfield College. AIC is 1-2 overall and in the league.

Keefe appointed as new ice hockey coach

Colby Henderson
Sports Editor

Westfield State College has announced the hiring of Jerry Keefe, a former Providence College standout, as the new men's hockey head coach. The announcement came last Thursday.

Keefe, a 31 year old native of Lowell who is currently Westfield State's athletic facility manager, will coach the men's ice hockey team when it returns to varsity status for the first time in 20 years, beginning in the fall of 2007.

Keefe's credentials include four seasons at Providence College in which he racked up 98 points in 102 games and was named New England's Most Improved Player in 1999; five seasons in professional hockey including a season with the Cincinnati Mighty Ducks of the AHL; and, among other coaching positions, assistant coach at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

"I am pleased to have someone with Jerry's hockey pedigree leading our program," said Westfield State athletics director Richard Lenfest. "Being a former player in such competitive arenas as Hockey East and the AHL will certainly help him with recruiting and attracting quality student-athletes to Westfield State. Jerry is professional, enthusiastic and brings an enormous amount of energy to our department. We are excited to have him as a member of our athletics family."

Before his collegiate career at Providence, Keefe was the MVP of the Omaha Lancers of the USHL (United States Hockey League) in 1996 and led the team in scoring for two consecutive seasons. Keefe was also a member of the U.S. National under 17 team in 1993, and the Silver Medal winning under 18 team in 1994.

Keefe considers himself fortunate for having played for some great coaches in his career who have taught him how to be successful, and he looks forward to bringing that same mentality to Westfield.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for me and my family, and I am very excited about re-starting a varsity hockey program that has had great success in the past," said Keefe, who is a full-time employee at Westfield State, also serving as the athletics facilities manager.

The team will continue to play under its club status for the 2007-2008 season in where it has been competing since 1999.

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Homecoming Football Game
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Homecoming football game vs.
Bridgewater State College
1:00 PM
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Westfield prevails in opener

UMass' Rudy wins No. 300

Staff reports

Sophomore receiver David Benoit of Ludlow caught six passes for 155 yards and two touchdowns, and an opportunistic defense forced five turnovers to lead Westfield State to a 34-21 victory over Western New England College last night.

It was the season opener for Westfield State, which claimed the coveted Presi-

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WESTFIELD STATE FOOTBALL

Owls hope experience equals success

WESTFIELD – A year wiser and more seasoned, the Owls have an optimistic outlook in 2007.

The Westfield State football team returns 14 seniors and 20 starters, a far cry from the 2006 season when there were only three seniors on the entire squad.

With too many new faces and a lack of leadership, Westfield only recorded one victory in 2006. But the Owls lost four of eight games by a total of 10 points, which head coach Steve Marino hopes bodes well for this season.

"Last year we were able to compete in most of our games, but because we were so young we just didn't know how to win those close games," said Marino, who begins his 18th year at Westfield State.

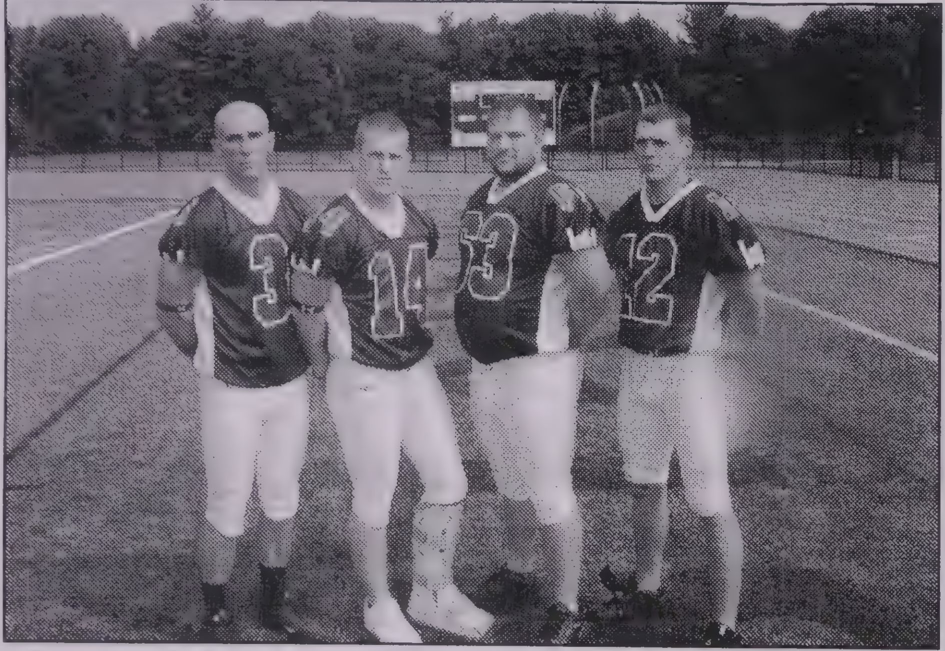
The veteran mentor is acutely aware that an experience-laden team does not automatically mean a successful season in the highly competitive 16-team New England Football Conference.

Westfield, in fact, may have the toughest early-season schedule of any NEFC team. The Owls host highly touted Western New England College in their season opener. Curry College - which has won four consecutive NEFC championships - comes to Westfield on Sept. 15 for a non-divisional game.

The Owls then play at Coast Guard on Sept. 22, followed by a long trip to Maine Maritime Academy on Sept. 29. Coast Guard won the Bogan Division title and lost to Curry in the 2006 championship game in its first year in the NEFC.

"We have a tough schedule," Marino said. "Hopefully, we are still standing coming out of those first three games."

Here's a look at the 2007 Owls by positions:



Westfield State football captains, left to right: Ricky Angus, Billy Stewart, Jeff Bienvenue, Garrett Kendziera. The Owls host WNEC in their season opener on Friday, Sept. 7, at 7 p.m. (Submitted photo)

OFFENSIVE LINE

Westfield is loaded with experience, led by senior captain Jeff Bienvenue of Wilbraham, a four-year starter at center and an all-conference player in 2006. He is flanked by junior returning guards Joe Hobin and Adam King. Tim Keene - a 6-2, 290-pound sophomore from Natick - and junior Shane Parrott - a 6-3, 305 pound junior from Pittsfield (Taconic) - man the tackle positions. Returning at tight end is junior Brett Ralph of East Longmeadow, who is backed up by sophomore Joe Riccardi. Letterwinners on the offensive line are juniors Joe Salvatore of Dalton (Wachonah Regional) and Steve Daneault. Freshmen adding depth are Nick Panetti of Pittsfield, Taylor Bradbury (6-3, 270 pounds) and Joe Amaral (6-3, 317). "We struggled last year on the offensive line but we have a lot more experience and depth now," said Marino.

OFFENSIVE BACKS

Dan Cohen had a solid 2006 season. The 6-2, 210 pound junior from Wilbraham (Minnechaug) completed 110 of 224 passes for 1,313 yards and seven touchdowns. The transfer from Division II St. Anselm College only threw 10 interceptions in eight games during his sophomore season. "Dan has looked good so far this year," said Marino. "He has a much better understanding of our offense." The Owls have a capable backup signal caller in senior captain Garrett Kendziera, who was a standout third baseman for the Westfield State baseball team that won the 2007 conference championship. Marino is high on sophomore tailback Jason Proule of Bridgewater-Raynham High School, who rushed for 205 yards on 59 carries his freshman year. "Jason is 100 percent better this year," said Marino "He's a good runner and ready to go." Senior Dwayne Kirby of Springfield (Sci-Tech) led the Owls in 2006 with 261 yards on 80 carries. Also returning are starting senior fullback Tim Thomas and junior reserve fullback P.J. Malone of Colrain (Mohawk Trail Regional). "Our primary focus this year is to improve the running game," said Marino, whose Owls only averaged 98 rushing yards per game last season. "For us to be good we have to have a tailback that runs for 1,000 yards. When we been successful that's what we've had."

RECEIVERS

The Owls have their top three receivers returning, but senior captain Billy Stewart of Chicopee (Comp) may see limited action, if any, this season because he suffered a broken foot during the first week of preseason camp. Stewart had 29 catches for 388 yards last year and also was the Owls' top punt returner. Senior all-conference receiver Scott McIntyre of Bristol, Conn., hopes to duplicate or surpass his totals of a year ago when he led the Owls with 52 catches, 598 yards, and five touchdowns. The Sacred Heart University transfer also was an all-conference outfielder for the Owls' baseball squad. Sophomore David Benoit of Ludlow is slated to start after working hard in the off-season; he had 13 catches for 197 yards in 2006. Freshman C.J. Franklin of Natick may be the most talented receiver, according to Marino. Also expected to see action is sophomore Joe McCarthy, who sat out last season with an illness. "Our receivers are one of our strengths," said Marino.

DEFENSIVE LINE

The defensive line also has experience and depth, led by senior end Geoff Farrington of Belchertown. The other end is sophomore Nick Gniadek, who was the team's third leading tackler in 2006 with 41 stops, including 11 for losses. Junior tackle Josh Leger had 40 tackles, including 11 for losses, a year ago. Sophomore tackle Matt Fall, a 6-3, 310-pounder from Wilbraham, returns after sitting out last season. Sophomore standouts are Tommy Pena, Tom Taylor, Jon Palmer, and Dave Bennett, who is currently sidelined with a knee injury. Keith Bateman is a promising freshman.

LINEBACKERS

Junior Jay Fielding anchors the linebackers. The first-team all-conference middle linebacker led the Owls in tackles (98) and fumble recoveries (4) in 2006. Senior Matt Pawlishen and junior Doug Landry also started last season, however; Landry may be sidelined for the season with a knee injury. Junior Matt Burzdak of Hampden (Minnechaug) is currently replacing Landry as a starter. Reserves are junior middle linebacker Erik Isralsky and sophomores Steve Hamilton and Sandro Junkovich.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Senior Ricky Angus and sophomore Josh Mathieu tied for team-high honors with three interceptions in 2006. Mathieu was an all-conference selection during his freshman year. Fifth-year senior Brian Roach of South Hadley returns at free safety, and senior Joe Bertulli and sophomore Mike Prouty as splitting time at strong safety. Key reserves are junior Tyler Sullivan (Easthampton), and first-year players Chad Cummings (Lee), Ryan Leroux (Greenfield), and twin brothers Mike and Dave Jolicoeur of Wilbraham.

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Coast Guard cruises by Westfield

Sept. 2007

Sophomore Pat Bennett returned the second half kickoff 84 yards for a touchdown, and classmate strong safety Keenan Prather returned an interception 28 yards for a touchdown later in the third quarter as defending New England Football Conference Bogan Division champion Coast Guard took a 35-0 lead and won its eighth straight NEFC Bogan Division game dating back to last season, beating Westfield State 42-14 in the division opener for both teams.

Coast Guard (2-1, 1-0) scored touchdowns on its first two possessions as senior quarterback Christian George (12 carries, 41 yards/9 of 14, 93 yards, 1 INT) capped a nine play, 43-yard drive with a one-yard run with 9:08 left in the first quarter and then following a punt, senior Lance Lynch (16 carries, 71 yards) scored on a three-yard run capping a eight play, 51-yard drive with 4:15 left in the opening quarter. Senior David Lieberman added the extra point on both occasions as the Bears led 14-0.

The Bears pushed the lead to 21-0 as junior quarterback Niles Pierson (6 of 10, 68 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT) threw a 32-yard touchdown pass to sophomore Sam England (six receptions, 80 yards) and following Lieberman's PAT the Bears led 21-0 with 5:24 left in the first half.

The Coast Guard defense which had given up 69 points in the first two games, held the Owls scoreless in the first half. Late in the second quarter, Coast Guard junior Brian Yurovich had a big tackle for loss on 4th and 1 at the Coast Guard 25-yard line as he stuck running back Jason Proule for a four-yard loss giving the Bears the ball back with 3:20 left in the half.

Coast Guard fumbled the ball right back to the Owls at the Bear 43-yard line, but the Coast Guard defense came up big again as Westfield turned the ball over on downs following three straight incomplete passes with 2:05 left.

Coast Guard had 201 total yards at halftime while Westfield State had 162 yards at the break.

Bennett's 84-yard kickoff return on the second half kickoff coupled with Prather's 28-yard interception return for a touchdown on the first play of Westfield's second possesion of the third quarter gave the Bears a 35-0 lead with 10:08 to go in the third quarter. It was the first career touchdown for both Bennett and Prather, who both started in the Bears' secondary.

Westfield State (1-2, 0-1) would not go quietly as the Owls scored two touchdowns in less than three minutes. Junior quarterback Dan Cohen (22 of 37, 195 yards, 2 TD, 2 INT) threw a pair of touchdown passes to sophomore David Benoit (7 receptions, 84 yards) from 35 and then two yards out cutting the lead to 35-14 with 4:34 left in the third quarter. The Owls drove 57 yards in just six plays for the first score and then junior linebacker Jay Fielding intercepted Pierson and returned it 38 yards to the Coast Guard 13-yard line to set up the second touchdown.

The Owls looked to pull to within 35-21 on the next possession, but sophomore cornerback Kevin Novick grabbed his first career interception in the endzone with 1:11 left in the third quarter.

Coast Guard closed the scoring on George's second touchdown run of the game, a seven-yard dash with 8:15 left in the game.

The Owls feature the top passing attack in the NEFC, led by junior quarterback Dan Cohen.

The Bears had 350 yards of total offense, 201 on the ground while Westfield State finished with 296 total yards, 140 rushing. Senior wide receiver Scott McIntyre led the Owls with 11 catches for 85 yards.

Junior linebacker Brian Michka led Coast Guard with 13 tackles, eight solo, two for loss, one sack and a forced fumble while Bennett added nine tackles all solo. Bennett's kick return for a touchdown was the first Coast Guard kickoff return for a touchdown since Justin Andrews 83-yard kick return vs. Mass. Maritime on Sept. 13, 2003.

Fielding led Westfield State with 10 tackles, seven solo to go with his interception.

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Six to enter Westfield Hall of Fame

By MIKE BOGEN
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WESTFIELD – The Westfield State College Athletics Hall of Fame will swell on Oct. 19, when six significant figures in Owls history, among them Dr. Edwin Abar, will be enshrined as part of its 2007 Alumni Weekend.

Abar has been a 40-year asset to Westfield's athletic development, as a player, assistant coach, recruiter and faculty athletics representative. The 1968 graduate wore every non-playing hat imaginable throughout his undergraduate years, including two years as the school's sports information director.

Abar, who earned his master's degree from Westfield in 1970 and doctorate from University of Massachusetts in 1982, became a faculty member at Westfield in 1971. He served as Westfield's NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative, was the originator of the school's faculty athletic advisory board, and served on the NCAA Rules Compliance Committee.

Outside of the college community, Abar was a longtime baseball umpire and received the Jack Lanzillo Award for lifetime achievement from the Western Massachusetts Baseball Umpires Association. He was also a past president of the Westfield Kiwanis Club.

Other inductees are Westfield native Jack Dougherty, one of the great hitters in Owls baseball history; Lisa Lebiecki, a Northampton native who made her name in softball; basketball player Jason Franklin of Chicopee, football player Tim Lightfoot of Tewksbury(1996) and track athlete Steve Gaebel (1989) of Boxborough.

Dougherty was a three-time all-conference and two-time All-New England first baseman-designated hitter. A two-time .400 hitter, the 1976 graduate still holds the school record for single-season slugging percentage (.785), had a career batting average of .369 and on-base percentage of .530.

After college, the 30-year educator in Hartford, Agawam and Westfield schools became one of the outstanding players in the Tri-County League.

Lebiecki, class of 1987, was also a three-time all-conference and two-time All-New England player. She was a first-time Academic All-America as a senior and second team as a junior, and graduated magna cum laude, with a grade point average of 3.75.

Lebiecki has taught in Vermont and throughout the world, including Venezuela, Tanzania, El Salvador, Brazil, Ethiopia, and currently, Budapest, Hungary.

Franklin, a former Chicopee Comp standout who also starred at STCC, was the MASCAC Player of the year as a senior in 1993, and a first-team All-New England pick, as well. In his two years at Westfield State, he averaged 16.8 points per game.

Gaebel is the only Westfield athlete to qualify for nationals in three sports – indoor and outdoor track and field, and cross country.

Lightfoot, who transferred to Westfield from Southern Connecticut State, ran for a school record 4,380 yards, which currently ranks 27th on the all-time NCAA Division III list, and fifth on the New England Division III list.

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WSC lines up events for big homecoming

WESTFIELD – Attractions at the homecoming weekend at Westfield State College on Oct. 18-20 will include "alumni college," a series of workshops taught by alumni and faculty members on Friday, and an urban education reunion scholarship dinner at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Both events will fete alumni from the program and will raise funds for scholarships.

The alumni college offers an opportunity for alumni to share their expertise in various areas of interest ranging from "Identity Theft in the 21st Century" to "Writing Your Memoirs." Workshop topics will include global warming, computer science, the media, first aid, and criminal justice.

Proceeds from the $50 tickets to the urban education dinner in the Scanlon banquet hall will help establish a Joan E. Fuller scholarship. Tickets may be purchased through Westfield State College Foundation Inc.

The information number is (413) 572-5489.

The Blues 'n' Brews Festival tradition will continue with brews from Paper City Brewery and blues from a lineup of bands from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The Brightwings, the festival headliners, will be preceded by alumni-rich bands and entertainers. They include Ted Wirt and the Skeletones, with guest Charles Neville; Jus' Us, with alumni Craig Greenberg and Joe Whalen; and Jon Berman, Thomas Kelly, Ben Pegg, and Jessica Torone.

The 1970s decade reunion dinner and dance will also take place on Saturday night, starting 6:30 in the Woodward Center. There will be reunions of classes from 1957, '67, '77, '87, '97 and '02, as well as English department and athletic alumni reunions.

Athletic events will include alumni softball, field hockey, basketball, lacrosse and a fun run on Saturday morning. The Owls will face Bridgewater State at a 1 p.m. football game.

The Owls men's soccer team will face Worcester State at 6 p.m.

An Athletic Hall of Fame banquet will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday. An alumni art show will be ongoing.

Westfield's victory over Western New England, 34-21

Sept. 14, 2007

Jeff Dale
Sports Editor

WESTFIELD- Junior quartback Dan Cohen compiled 280 yards passing including a 60 yard bomb to sophomore receiver David Benoit, and a playmaking defense forced five turnovers to give Westfield State it's first victory of the season 34-21 over Western New England College on Friday, Sept. 7.

Alumni Field was packed with a crowd of over 3000 as the Owls claimed the President's Trophy and tied their win production of last year. WNEC had won last year's opener against Westfield decisively with a 31-3 victory, and after winning their opener against Hartwick 48-21 the Owls were in for a challenge.

That challenged loomed even larger after a 9-0 deficit on a field goal by WNEC kicker James Farrell and a touchdown by junior tailback Jordan Capitanio to cap the first quarter.

However, the Owls fought back with a Dwayne Kirby five-yard plunge to cut the lead to 9-7. Then with four minutes left in the half the playmaking defense of the Owls took over.

WNEC Sophomore quarterback Justin Walz of received a low snap from senior center Justin Burden. As the ball bounced up to Walz, he picked it up and immediately threw an ill-advised pass toward the sideline. Senior defensive end Geoff Farrington was reading the play all along and intercepted the ball and returned it for a 48-yard touchdown giving the Owls a 14-9 lead.

Then with time running out in the first half and WNEC's shotgun offense on the prowl, Justin Walz took a shot for the end zone, but yet again the Owls defense came up big. This time it was freshmen defensive back Dave Jolicoeur who intercepted the ball in the end zone to rap up the first half.

In the second half it was more of the same from the Owls defense. On back-to-back drives by the WNEC offense, the Owls caused turnovers. The first came with 11:11 left in the third quarter when junior linebacker Jay Fielding recovered a fumble. The second turnover was another fumble this time recovered by Farrington.

On the ensuing drive the Owls didn't waste much time to capitalize off the turnover. In one play they where in the end zone on a perfect trick play. Sophomore wide out Joe McCarthy took a reverse hand off from Cohen and fired a 26 yard touchdown to David Benoit to make the score 20-9.

The Golden Bear would strike right back, with a 81 yard touchdown pass down the sideline from Walz to Cliff Carpluk to make the score 20-15, ending the third quarter. However, not before the Owl special teams could chip in with a blocked extra point attempt. Their third of the night, this time to keep it to a five-point lead.

So entering the fourth and final quarter, the Owls offense received the ball and yet again did not waste time to put points on board. This time it would be way of a play action bomb from Cohen to Benoit to make the score 27-15 and put the game away. The final score would be 34-21, giving the Owls its first victory of the season.

"This was an outstanding victory for our program," said Head Coach Steve Marino. "Our kids responded in a big way against a very good Western New England team. I am very proud of how hard they played and how well they executed."

Westfield State head coach Steve Marino holds the coveted President's Trophy after the Owls' big victory over Western New England. Photo By Nancy Bals

The Owls face the Curry Colonels this Saturday on Alumni Field and senior captain Ricky Angus said he's very excited to have them come.

"Their four time Conference Champions so it should be a good test," Angus said.

Kickoff is at 1 pm Saturday and the game can also be heard on 89.5 WSKB Westfield.

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Curry beats Westfield, 42-27

Sept. 21, 2007

JEFF DALE
SPORTS EDITOR

WESTFIELD- Both quarterbacks combined for more than 600 yards of offense in a game that was fun to watch, but ultimately a loss for Westfield, 42-27, to Curry this past Saturday.

After being shutout in last years game against Curry, the Owls wasted no time in putting points on the board. On the first drive of the game, junior quartback Dan Cohen drove the offense to the goal line, and full back, P.J. Malone, ran it in from two yards out to make it a 6-0 Owl lead.

On Curry's first drive they went four and out after a sack from sophomore defensive lineman, Matt Fall. Curry's senior punter, Dave Vincent, then proceeded to shank the punt giving the Owls great field position at the Curry 45 yard line.

In one minute Westfield would be in the end zone on a 30-yard strike from Cohen to senior wide receiver, Scott McIntrye, making the score 13-0 Westfield halfway through the first quarter.

Curry's junior quartback, Ryan Van De Giesen, struck right back on the next drive. Throwing three straight passes to junior wide receiver Brian Taylor, including a 40 yard touchdown pass to make the score 13-7.

Curry would take the lead with two minutes left in the first quarter on another touchdown pass from De Giesen, this time to senior fullback Frank Pecheco.

The shootout was back on in the second quarter for both teams. Westfield junior wide receiver, David Benoit, who had 11 receptions for 164 yards and two touchdowns, started the second quarter with a 19 yard touchdown catch to make the score 20-14 Owls.

Sophomore running back, Jamaal Woods, would give Curry the lead on the next drive. Running in from 19 yards out to make the score 21-20 Curry.

The Owls offense was not done though; getting the ball back before halftime they put together a 10-play drive. Capping it off with Cohen's third touchdown pass on the day, again to Benoit, making the score 27-21 Westfield at halftime.

The second half was much more one sided as Curry began to control the clock, and their defense started to make plays.

After swapping possessions early in the third quarter, the Curry offense got hot again, however, not through the air. A combination of rushes from Woods, DiFabio, and even De Giesen, and Curry was in the end zone. The drive would eat up five minutes of the clock along the way, and making the score 28-27 Curry.

On Westfield's next drive Curry's defense started to make some plays. Westfield would give up a costly fumble that would be returned 75 yards for a touchdown, giving Curry a 35-27 lead.

For the rest of the game Curry's defense would keep Westfield in check while their offense ate up the clock. In the fourth quarter De Giesen would get his fourth touchdown pass of the day making it 42-27 Curry and it would end that way.

The Owl's record now stands at 1-1 and they are on the road this week against Coast Guard.

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Westfield State wins

10/7/07

By JASON REMILLARD
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On paper, it looked as though Westfield State College wouldn't stand a chance against Massachusetts Maritime Academy's defense yesterday.

The Bucs entered the game leading the New England Football Conference in scoring defense, total defense and pass defense. But, as Chris Berman likes to say on ESPN, that's why they play the games.

The host Owls racked up 425 yards of offense, split almost evenly between the air and the ground, en route to an 18-10 victory at Alumni Field.

Junior quarterback Dan Cohen of Wilbraham, a Minnechaug Regional High School graduate, completed 16 of 19 passes for 221 yards and one touchdown.

Drew Lyons came off the bench late in the first half and compiled 117 of Westfield's 206 rushing yards, while Scott McIntyre caught 11 balls for 155 yards.

Mass. Maritime (2-4, 0-3 Bogan Division) went ahead 8-0 early in the second quarter, but Westfield (2-3, 1-2) battled back on its ensuing possession. Cohen marched the Owls 75 yards on seven plays, capped off by a 28-yard scoring pass to C.J. Franklin with 1:47 left in the half.

The Owls never trailed again. Jason Proule scored on a 13-yard run to go ahead 12-8 late in the third, but Kevin McCarthy picked off Cohen's two-point try and ran it back for two points for the Bucs.

Lyons, a sophomore transfer from Saint Anselm, capped the scoring with a 16-yard touchdown with 10:22 left in the fourth quarter.

Mass. Maritime had one last chance following an interception, but Westfield forced four straight incompletions to seal the victory.

Freshman QB leads AIC rout

Local football

Northeast-10

AIC 44, Merrimack 21: Rob Parent may only be a freshman, but he's putting up numbers like a seasoned veteran.

The American International College quarterback aired it out for 420 yards and four touchdowns as the host Yellow Jackets cruised to a Northeast-10 Conference victory at John Homer Miller Field. Parent completed 17 of 23 passes, with Tyler Scaccia and Travis Poole catching five apiece for 166 and 118 yards, respectively.

Junior running back Adeboyega Akingba racked up 160 yards of total offense – 65 on the ground and 95 through the air. AIC (2-3, 2-2) scored twice in the first 3:30, starting with a 55-yard Akingba run.

Parent's touchdowns weren't little dinks underneath. He hit Scaccia for bombs of 64 and 71 yards, found Poole for a 67-yard score and Akingba from 65 yards out.

Merrimack (1-4, 1-3) scored on each of its first three second-half possessions to trail 37-19 with 3:48 left in the third quarter. Quarterback Rob Temple finished with 179 yards, three touchdowns and one interception.

Linebackers Terrence Holley and George Hudson led the Yellow Jackets with six tackles apiece, as the defense recorded five sacks and seven tackles for loss.

NEFC

UMass-Dartmouth 34, WNEC 14: Jordan Capitanio rushed for 87 yards for the visiting Golden Bears (2-4, 0-3 Boyd Division). Western New England College led 7-0 on a Tim Hegarty 1-yard run, but the Corsairs (3-3, 2-1) ran up 34 straight points until Chris Winn tacked on a late touchdown.

The telling statistic was total offense. UMass-Dartmouth had 452 yards to WNEC's 319, despite running three fewer plays.

Independent

Springfield 42, Husson 28: Senior quarterback Chris Sharpe rushed for 133 yards and two touchdowns to pace the host Pride in a non-conference game. After four road games, Springfield (3-2) took to newly renamed Amos Alonzo Stagg Field for the first time this season.

Sharpe also completed 3 of 7 passes for 55 yards. His two touchdown runs were both from two yards out. Springfield (3-2) rushed for 354 yards and had 21 first downs.

NESCAC

Williams 31, Bates 26: After losing a heartbreaking triple-overtime game against Trinity last week, the host Ephs looked sluggish coming out of the gate yesterday.

Bates led 20-0 with 4:21 left in the second quarter, at which point Williams (1-2, 1-2) woke up. Quarterback Pat Lucey threw three straight touchdown passes and Mike Morrissey tacked on a 1-yard run to give the Ephs a 25-20 edge with 10:54 left in the game. Two missed extra points and a failed two-point conversion helped give Bates a reasonable chance.

The Bobcats (0-3, 0-3) edged ahead only three minutes later, setting the stage for Williams to make another comeback.

Lucey hit Nick Caro down the right sideline for a 51-yard touchdown with 5:41 to go, and neither team would score again.

It was a big day for Lucey – 31 of 44 for 348 yards and four touchdowns. Caro grabbed six of those passes for 115 yards, while Craig Sundberg had 39 yards and two scores.

Morrissey gained 130 yards on 24 carries and the one touchdown.

Middlebury 19, Amherst 16: Lucas Loeffler threw two touchdowns to Brandon Bullock, but the host Lord Jeffs (2-1, 2-1) fell in a matchup of unbeatens at Pratt Field.

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Westfield hosts Mass Maritime

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The Westfield State football team looks to get back on the winning track when it hosts Mass. Maritime Academy on Saturday, Oct. 6, at 1:00 p.m.

The Owls have dropped three straight after defeating Western New England in the season opener. Westfield has losses to New England Conference powers Curry and Coast Guard, and a tough 21-14 setback last week at Maine Maritime.

Mass. Maritime is 2-3 with victories over MIT and Endicott. The Buccaneers have lost to King's Point, Worcester State and Coast Guard. They hosted Coast Guard last Saturday and were defeated by a surprising 3-0 score.

Westfield and Mass. Maritime have had highly competitive games throughout the years and it should be another interesting matchup this Saturday. The Bucs are the top-ranked defense in the 16-team New England Football Conference. They rank first in scoring defense (10.6), total defense (261.6) and pass efficiency defense, and second in rushing defense (112.6).

However, Mass Maritime ranks last in scoring offense with an average of only 13 points per game. Linebackers A.J. Flemmi, Kyle Audette and Brandon Payne lead the Bucs in tackles. Junior quarterback Joe DeFrank has completed 62 of 114 passes for 554 yards.

The Owls are led defensively by junior linebacker Jay Fielding, who leads the NEFC with 14.8 tackles per game. Fielding tied a school record with 23 tackles versus Maine Maritime. Senior defensive back Ricky Angus ranks first in passes defended with six pass breakups and an interception. Josh Mathieu has five breakups and an interception.

Westfield ranks third in the conference in passing offense but 14th in rushing. Junior quarterback Dan Cohen has completed 78 of 132 passes for 991 yards and seven touchdowns.

The Owls have the top two receivers in the NEFC. Senior Scott McIntyre has 42 catches in four games for a 10.5 average. He has 488 receiving yards and two touchdowns. Sophomore David Benoit has 28 catches for 471 yards and six touchdowns.

Freshman C.J. Franklin leads the NEFC in kickoff return average (25.9).

LOCAL GEM: Four Massachusetts athletic fields, including Alumni Stadium at Westfield State College, recently earned recognition as some of the best sports facilities in the country.

The American Sports Builders Association, a national athletic facility design organization, praised the following local stadiums in its annual awards program. All four projects were designed by Boston landscape architecture firm Stantec Sport (formerly Geller Sport).

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School record-breaker plays last game

11/9/2007

JEFF DALE
SPORTS EDITOR

This past Saturday, Nov. 3, record breaking senior wide reciever, Scott McIntrye, played in his last game as an Owl.

Senior Day took place at Worcester State where the Owls, and their 13 seniors, went out in style with a 7-0 victory. The Owls ended the season with a 5-4 record, which is a far cry from where the team was last season.

"The transition from last year to this year was huge," McIntrye said. "Last year we were 1-8, and walking on campus you had that persona about you. But everyone worked hard in the off season and the experience helped."

McIntrye, a Special Educations Major who broke the school record for receptions in a season (76), said he hopes to teach in the classroom and on the field one day. However, as far as the record goes, McInrye is very modest.

"Individually you have good things, and as a team you have good things, and going 5-4 as a team is good," said McIntrye. "But sometimes you look at yourself and everyone is doing their own job so having 76 receptions is a good thing."

A Briston, Conneticut native, McIntrye has long been a New York Giants fan and his favorite player is Plaxico Burriess. He also said he started playing football at age eight, but played running back throughout high school. However, he said he always knew of his talents as a reciever and going into prep-school he wanted to catch the ball.

"Coming out of high school only two colleges looked at me," said McIntrye. "Then coming out of prep-school 30 colleges, and I ended up at Sacred Heart University."

McIntrye said he played at Sacred Heart for two years and was not happy so he transferred to Westfield where could also play baseball.

"I came here to Westfield to talk to coach Marino and I had a good feeling," said McIntrye.

Senior Scott McIntyre had another stellar day with 13 catches for 157 yards. McIntyre now has 75 catches this year, which is a single-season school record.
Photo By David Harris-Fried

He said that Coach Marino was one of the reasons he came to Westfield and after two years he knew it was a good decision. McIntrye said of Marino "He told us after the last game, 'If you need my help to get a job call me up.'"

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Submitted photo

Brian Roach of South Hadley was a junior member of the Westfield State College Football team this past fall. Roach was the Owls' eighth leading tackler with 28 stops. He also had an interception and two fumble recoveries.

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Matt Pawlishen of South Hadley was a senior member of the Westfield State College Football team this past fall. Pawlishen played linebacker for the Owls and was the team's fifth leading tackler with 39 stops.

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Westfield State coach Steve Marino watches linemen square off during practice Tuesday. The Owls open their 2007 season at home against Western New England tonight.

Staff photo by **CHRISTOPHER EVANS**

Westfield looks to improve

Experience big key as Owls open slate

By **DICK BAKER**

WESTFIELD – They're almost all back, and that's considered good news despite last year's 1-8 record.

Twenty of the 22 starters return for the 2007 Westfield State College football season, an unusually high percentage that perhaps gave 18th-year coach Steve Marino a sinking feeling.

"The first thing you ask is 'Do you want these guys back, and how good are they?' acknowledged Marino. "But we were very young last year, and the new players didn't know what to expect."

In fariness, four of the Owls' losses last season came by a total of 10 points, including a 7-6 defeat at Fitchburg State and a 20-16 shortfall at home against Worcester State to close the season. There were only three seniors on last year's squad.

The Owls open the 2007 campaign tonight by hosting Western New England College at 7. The Golden Bears rolled to a 31-3 win in last year's season-opening win over the Owls in Springfield.

Marino is confident that

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Owls: 20 starters come back

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the year of experience is going to pay off for his returnees.

"I don't know how good we are, but I know we're better than last year," he said. "The big thing is that we've got to run the ball better."

The Owls averaged 98 yards per game rushing last season, but big improvements are expected from sophomore tailback Jason Proule, and senior Dwayne Kirby of Springfield. Proule registered 205 yards on 59 carries as a freshman while Kirby paced WSC last season with 261 yards on 80 carries.

The lack of a ground game also hurt the passing game. There were far too many second and long, and third and long situations.

"We were throwing mostly because we had to," Marino said. "It's hard to win under those conditions."

Westfield's air attack will start with junior quarterback Dan Cohen of Wilbraham. The Minnechaug Regional High School graduate connected on 110 of 224 passes for 1,313 yards and seven touchdowns last season. Cohen was sick and did not play in last year's contest against WNEC.

Backing up Cohen is senior Garrett Kendziera, who

WESTFIELD SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER		
7:	Western New England	7:00
15:	Curry	1:00
22:	x-at Coast Guard	1:00
29:	x-at Maine Maritime	1:00
OCTOBER		
6:	x-Mass. Maritime	1:00
13:	x-at Framingham State	1:30
20:	x-Bridgewater State	1:00
27:	x-Fitchburg State	1:00
NOVEMBER		
3:	x-at Worcester State	12:00

x-NEFC Bogan Division game

State College Conference championship baseball team.

Although Westfield returns its top three receivers, senior captain Billy Stewart, a Chicopee Comprehensive graduate, suffered a broken foot in preseason practice and may not see as much game time. He hauled in 29 passes for 388 yards, and was also the team's top punt returner. Also back is senior Scott McIntyre, an All-New England Football Conference receiver who led Westfield with 52 catches, 598 yards and five touchdowns. And more production is likely from sophomore David Benoit of Ludlow, who had 13 receptions and 197 yards as a freshman.

WNEC SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER		
1:	Hartwick	**Won** 48-21
7:	at Westfield State	7:00
15:	at Maine Maritime	1:00
22:	x-Curry	1:00
29:	x-Plymouth State	1:00
OCTOBER		
6:	x-at UMass-Dartmouth	12:00
13:	x-MIT	1:00
20:	x-at Endicott	12:00
27:	x-at Salve Regina	12:00
NOVEMBER		
3:	x-Nichols	1:00

The experienced offensive line is led by senior captain Jeff Bienvenue of Wilbraham. On defense, junior middle linebacker Jay Fielding is the main man after figuring in 98 tackles and recovering four fumbles in 2006. Junior Matt Burzdak of Hampden should also start at linebacker, replacing injured (knee) Doug Landry.

The defensive backfield is solid with senior Ricky Angus and sophomore Josh Mathieu leading the way. Brian Roach of South Hadley returns at free safety. Tyler Sullivan of Easthampton, Chad Cummings of Lee, Ryan Leroux of Greenfield, and twin brothers Mike and Dave Jolicoeur of Wilbraham are expected to make contributions.

Despite last season, Marino still carries a career winning record of 83-82-1 as the Owls' head coach.

"The league keeps getting better," Marino said. "When I first started, you could look at the schedule and pick out three wins. Not any more. Everyone's recruiting, and

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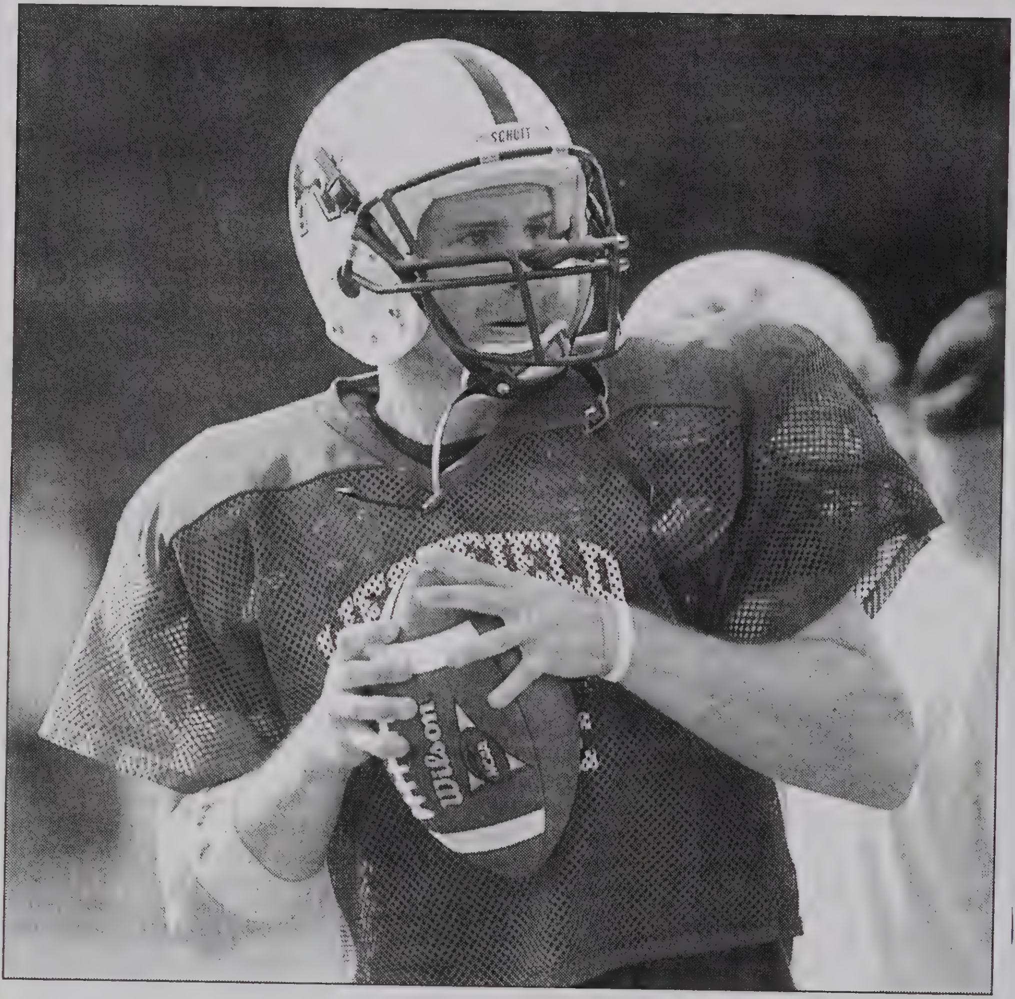
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Staff photo by **CHRISTOPHER EVANS**

Westfield State quarterback Dan Cohen practices Tuesday.

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Curry clips Westfield

Tim Bloniasz ran a fumble recovery 75 yards for a score to carry visiting Curry past Westfield State.

By DICK BAKER

WESTFIELD – While winning the last four New England Football Conference championships, Curry College had beaten Westfield State in all five meetings between the two teams and outscored the Owls 158-35 in the process.

So although Westfield wasn't expected to pull off an upset yesterday, the Owls' highly productive first-half passing game was so promising that the home crowd had reason to believe Westfield just might knock off Curry for the first time since 1988.

Curry	42
Westfield State	27

That optimism lasted until less than three minutes remained in the third quarter when the driving Owls' first and 10 at the Curry 25 instantly reversed course into a tortuous Curry touchdown. The Colonels took over from that point and pulled away to a 42-27 victory.

Westfield trailed only 28-27, and seemingly was headed for the go-ahead score after a 5-yard run for a first down by tailback Jason Proule. But on the first-down play, Proule was thumped in the backfield by Curry linebacker Daniel Dawson. The ball popped loose, bounced twice, and landed in the waiting arms of Curry junior Tim Bloniasz. Bloniasz, who picked up another Westfield fumble late in the game, ran 75 yards for a touchdown.

It was all gloom and doom after that as the Colonels, behind 27-21 at the half, added another TD early in the fourth quarter to outscore Westfield 21-0 in the second half.

"He just got hit," Westfield coach Steve Marino said of Proule's fumble. "If it popped out and just landed on the ground that's one thing, but it went right to their guy. It was just a bad break."

Still there were plenty of positives for the Owls to build on.

Minnechaug Regional High School graduate Dan Cohen threw for 348 yards and three scores while completing 23 of 36.

Sophomore David Benoit of Ludlow came up with a game-high 11 receptions for 164 yards and two touchdowns.

Flashy senior wide receiver Scott McIntyre had 10 catches for 174 yards and one TD.

The 27 points were also the most Westfield has scored against Curry since 1985. The Owls have lost nine straight to the Colonels since a 20-10 victory in 1988.

On the ground, the Owls managed only 39 yards, while Curry piled up 193.

In the fourth quarter, Curry successfully pressured Cohen, knowing that the trailing Owls had enjoyed little success running, and with time running out, had to pass.

"We've got to run the ball better," Marino said. "We only did it in spurts today."

Westfield, 1-1 overall, plays its first Bogan Division game Saturday at Coast Guard.

"The good news is that we're 0 and 0," Marino said of the division record. "We've played two good games, and maybe we'll get to play them (Curry) again in the championship."

Curry, 3-0, has a Boyd Division test at Western New England College Saturday. Curry has won its last 22 games against New England Football Conference foes.

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Owls edge Bears in thriller, 21-14

JEFF DALE
SPORTS EDITOR

WESTFIELD- This past Saturday, Oct. 20 was an Alumni Weekend to remember as the Westfield State Owls defeated their Bogan Division rival Bridgewater State, 21-14, in a game where every second counted.

Sophomore tailback, Drew Lyons, got his first start of the season and took advantage of the opportunity posting 158 yards rushing on 35 carries and a touchdown.

Bridgewater had an even better game on the ground, combining for 265 rushing yards, which was due in large part to their option style offense. However, the Owls defense would rise to the occasion when it mattered throughout the game, with a "bend but not break" philosophy.

One such example was on Bridgewater's first drive of the game when they marched 77 yards in 20 plays, to the Owls goal line. On three straight rushes from the Owl one-yard line, the defense stuffed the Bears running game. The Bears then lined up for a chip shot field goal that would have given them a 3-0 lead, but senior Captain Ricky Angus blocked the attempt.

"They had a lot of chances in the red zone," Angus said. "But that's type of team we have, guys step up when we need it."

On the Bears second possession, they had more luck, this time driving 72 yards for a touchdown to put them on top 7-0.

On the ensuing kickoff the Owls would answer back as sophomore Ryan Leroux would field the ball on a bounce, and scamper 61 yards to the Bears 17 yard line. In three plays the Owls would tie the score on a one-yard plunge from junior fullback, P.J. Mallone.

Both teams' defenses held the game in check for the rest of the half and going into halftime the score would be tied at 7-7.

Entering the second half the Owl defense would continue to have success in stopping Bridgewater's offense. On the Bears first three possessions of the second half, the Owls would force turnovers. The first coming when Bears quarterback, Greg Borsari, was stripped in the backfield. The second and third coming on a muffed punt by the Bears special teams and an interception by Angus.

Westfield's offense was not able to turn the first two turnovers into points, but on the third they would not be denied. Going 42 yards on 10 plays ending with a three yard run by Lyons to put them ahead 14-7.

In the fourth quarter, Bridgewater would answer back as their tailback, Chris Russell ,would break off a 36 yard run right up the middle of the Owl defense. Sophomore defensive back, Josh Mathieu, would make a touchdown saving tackle, finally dragging Russell down around the Owl 31 yard line. The rest of the drive would consist of all running plays as the Owls defense would be put in a familiar situation, a goal line stand.

Drew Lyons did double duty vs. Bridgewater State with running back Jason Proule sidelined with an injury. The 5-6, 175-pounder carried the ball 35 times for 158 yards. File Photo By Mickey Curtis

On the first three runs, the Owl defense stood strong as it did earlier in the game, but on a fourth and goal from the one yard line the Bears would run a quarterback sneak to tie the game at 14 all.

On the Owls next drive their offense would give the Bears a dose of their own medicine. They would drive 62 yards in seven plays, six of which would be runs. The touchdown would come after a timeout where Coach Marino would call a play the Bears did not see coming at all.

After five carries given to Lyons on the drive the ball would go to fullback , Tim Thomas, on a perfectly executed counter trap letting him walk in untouched to give Westfield a 21-14 lead.

The game was far from being over though, as the Bears offense would get two more chances to tie the game. The first attempt would start with three minutes left in the game, but would end shortly as Bears quartback Steve Clark would be picked off by Mathieu.

The Owls offense would then go three and out, giving Bridgewater another chance with under two minutes remaining in the game.

However, another special teams ace for the Owls would come up big again. Punter Brad Barnard would uncork a 56-yard punt to pin the Bears deep.

Starting the final drive with no time outs, 1:18 on the clock, and with 90 yards to go, the Bears offense would need to execute the drive perfectly to tie the score. With a series of sideline passes and Owl penalties the Bears had one shot.

From the Owls 17 yard line Borsari scrambled to his left and then back to the middle of the field, dodgeing many Owl defenders along the way. As he came back to the middle of the field he threw up a lob toward the end zone that bounced harmlessly to the ground giving the Owls the 21-14 win.

"It was huge a win!" Angus said. "Great football players there from past years with it being Alumni Weekend and it was a good feather in our cap considering Bridgewater is division rival."

The Owls now stand at 4-3 on the season and 3-2 in the Bogan division. They face the Fitchburg State Falcons on Alumni Field this Saturday at 1:00 PM.

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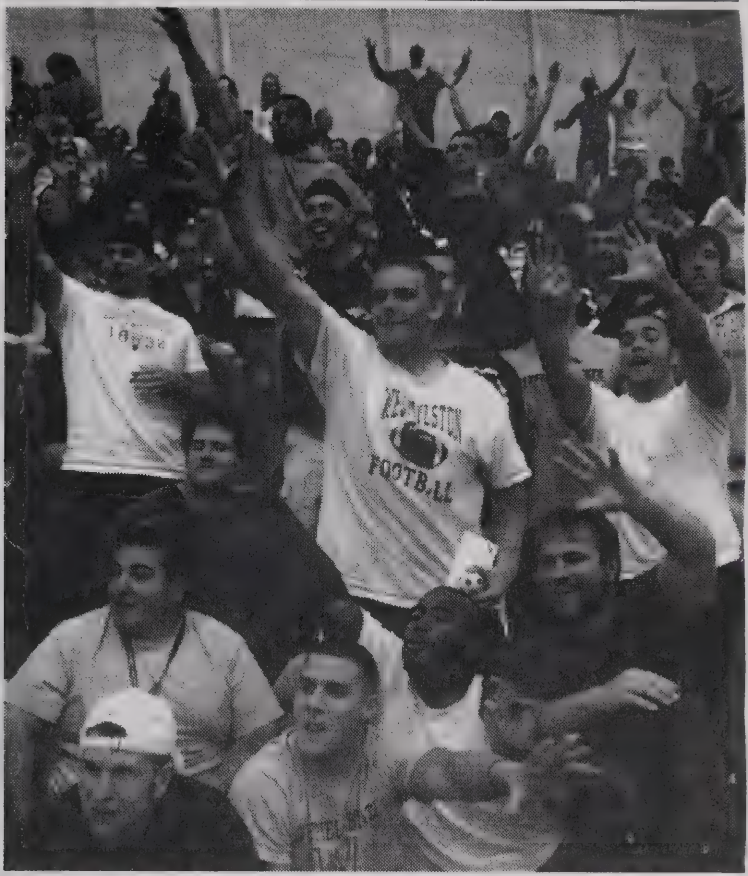

A large crowd attended the Pep Rally for Westfield State student-athletes on Tuesday evening, Oct. 16 at the Woodward Center field house. Members of the Owl football team are pictured above attempting to snag some of the many prizes that were tossed into the crowd. The football team hosts Bridgewater State in the big Westfield State homecoming game this Saturday. The Pep Rally was sponsored by the Westfield State Student-Athlete Advisory Board.

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Westfield defeated, but not without a fight

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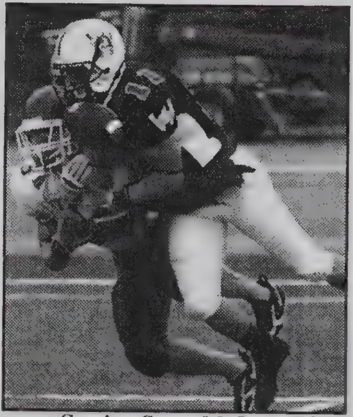

Senior Scott McIntyre had another stellar day with 13 catches for 157 yards. McIntyre now has 75 catches this year, which is a single-season school record. Photo By David Harris-Fried

WESTFIELD- Despite a record setting day for Westfield State senior wide receiver Scott McIntyre, Westfield was defeated by the Fitchburg State Falcons 49-40 on a rain soaked Alumni Field, Sat. Oct. 27.

Coming into the game, McIntyre had 62 receptions on the season, 11 behind the school record. In the game he would record 13 receptions for 157 yards and a touchdown, breaking the record once held by Westfield receiver Matt Yvon in 2002.

McIntyre was not the only one to have a record setting day on Saturday. Westfield quarterback Dan Cohen broke the record for most passing attempts (56) and pass completions (22) in a single game, while throwing for 349 yards and four touchdowns.

The Falcons offense was even more impressive, featuring freshman tailback, Marlon Thornton, who rushed for a season-high 256 yards on 44 carries and four touchdowns.

Despite this, the Owls defense started the game off on a good note. On Fitchburg's first snap of the game, their quarterback, Jim Miller, threw an interception to Westfield junior linebacker, Jay Fielding.

The Owls offense quickly turned the interception into points, scoring in just four plays to put them up 7-0. However, on Westfield's next possession Fitchburg would get an interception of their own.

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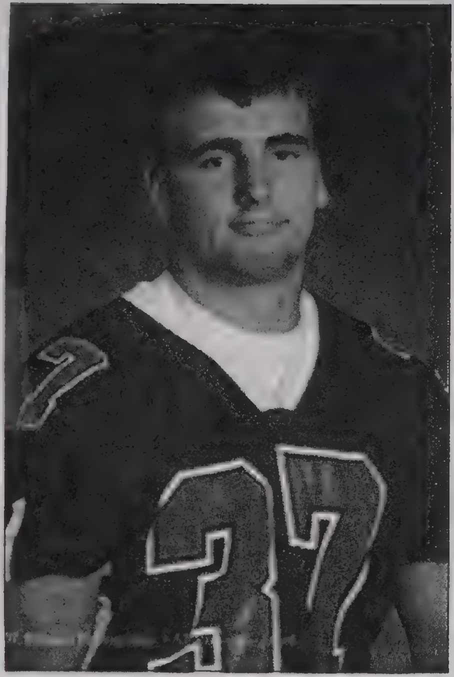
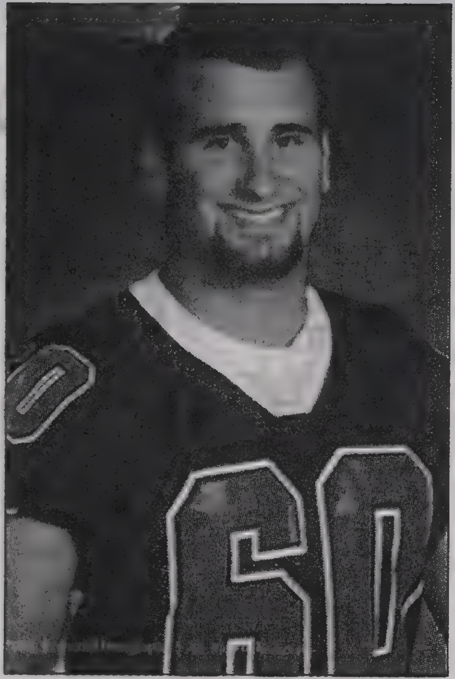
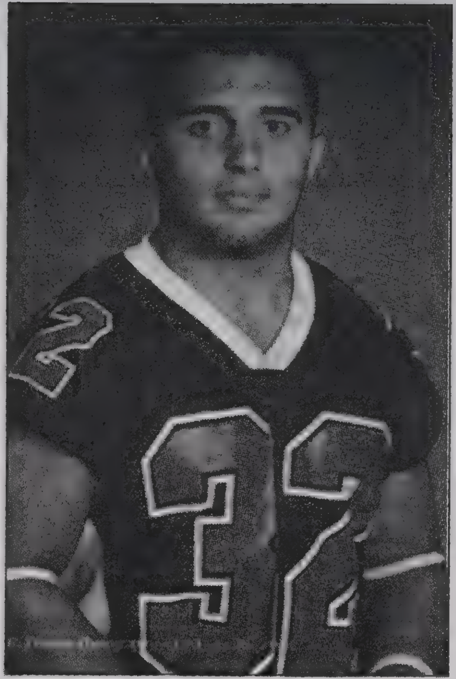


Doug Pawlishen
freshman running back



Matt Pawlishen
starting linebacker



Brian Roach
senior defensive lineback

Roach receives Outstanding Contributor Award

Senior defensive back Brian Roach, of South Hadley, was a member of the 2007 Westfield State football team that posted a 5-4 record.

Roach, a four-year member of the team, received the squad's Outstanding Contributor Award.

Roach was a reserve defensive back and one of the Owls' top specialty teams player. He recorded 13 tackles this past season.

Brothers help out Owls

Senior linebacker Matt Pawlishen and freshman running back Doug Pawlishen, brothers from South Hadley, were members of the 2007 Westfield State football team that posted a 5-4 record.

Matt Pawlishen was a starting linebacker for the Owls. He was the third leading tackler with 49 tackles. He also had a fumble recovery.

Doug Pawlishen saw limited action in his first year of collegiate competition.

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HOF weekend approaching

WESTFIELD – Five former Westfield State standouts and a retired faculty member will be inducted into the Westfield State College Athletics Hall of Fame during the 2007 Alumni Weekend.

The 12th annual inductions will be held Friday evening, Oct. 19, in Scanlon Banquet Hall on the Westfield State campus.

Westfield resident Dr. Edwin Abar, a faculty member from 1971-2004 and a major contributor to the WSC athletics program, is being enshrined along with Westfield native Jack Dougherty ('76, baseball); Jason Franklin ('93, basketball); Steve Gaebel ('89, cross country/track); Lisa Lebiecki ('87, softball); and Tim Lightfoot ('96, football).

For ticket information, contact 413-572-5433.

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The winning foursome in the recent Westfield State College Owl Club, from left: Mike Conroy, of Westfield, athletic trainer; Jim Blascak, of Westfield, of the Westfield Parks and Recreation Department; Todd Ditmar, of Longmeadow, women's soccer coach; and Kevin Meek, of Williamsburg, assistant women's soccer coach.

Westfield State golf event a success

WESTFIELD – The inaugural Owl Club Golf Tournament drew 57 players to Tekoa Country Club in Westfield on Sept. 24, raising money to support Westfield State College athletics.

The foursome of Todd Ditmar, Kevin Meek, Mike Conroy and Jim Blascak won the tournament with a score of 62. Ditmar is the head coach of Westfield State's women's soccer team, while Meek is an assistant coach for the program. Conroy is an athletic trainer at Westfield State.

"I'd like to again thank all of our players and sponsors, including Westfield Bank, our title sponsor for the event," said Dave Caspole, senior development coordinator for athletics. "Everyone enjoyed a great day of golf, and the staff at Tekoa Country Club were great hosts for the tournament. I'm looking forward to the tournament growing bigger each year. We'd love to have our alumni and parents make this a regular event on their calendars as well."

Westfield Bank, Fran Johnson's Golf and Tennis, STCU Credit Union, Berkshire Bank, CHH Engraving, Pepsi, Anaconda Sports, Stadium Systems, Keith's II Sporting Goods, and College Hype Sportswear sponsored the tournament.

In the individual contests, Mary Regan, of Westfield, won long drive for women, while Blascak won long drive for men.

Lloyd Duperre, of East Longmeadow, claimed closest-to-the-pin honors on hole No. 3, and Ditmar was closest to the pin on hole No. 11. John Brunelle, of Holyoke, was closest to the line.

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WSC honors locals

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Local college notes

Westfield State has been handing out honors by the bushel, and several recipients have been Pioneer Valley athletes.

Westfield native John Messer, a highly-decorated distance runner for all his four years as an Owl, was cited with the school's Outstanding Contributor Award for a career that included four years All-MASCAC in cross country and four straight 800-meter MASCAC championships, as well as All-New England and All-ECAC honors.

Andy Strniste of Granville, like Messer a distance runner, was named Senior Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Messer and another Westfield native, ECAC Division III javelin champion Drew Soltysiak, were named Most Valuable Performers in track and field, respectively.

Athol's Alicia Gardner was named softball Rookie of the Year, while Katie Sylvain of Hadley and Cassy Jouannet of Conway were given women's basketball outstanding contributor and most improved awards.

West Springfield's Kasey Rogers was named women's lacrosse MVP, while teammates Rachel Dionne of Feeding Hills and Tiari Ghedi of Agawam were cited as Freshman of the Year and Most Improved Player, respectively.

WNEC: Jen Dabrowski, Justin Walz and Steve Hennessey have been named Western New England College athletes of the year.

Dabrowski was named Female Athlete of the Year after a season in which she was the TCCC Player of the Year, a first-team d3hoops.com All-Northeast Region first-teamer, and All ECAC Division III second-team pick.

The guard, who also won the WNEC honor as a sophomore, finished her career with 1,545 career points, fourth-best in the program's history.

Hennessey's work in the goal helped the Golden Bears win both the TCCC regular season and tournament championships in their first season in the conference. The senior first-season starter was named to the NSCAA All-New England second team.

Waltz, a sophomore who lost three games to an injury, set career football records for completions (252), yards (2,901) and yards per game (207.2). He completed 58.1 percent of his passes and had an efficiency rating of 121.63.

AMHERST: Alicia Menezes found the perfect way to end her four-year intercollegiate tennis career . . . a share of her second straight NCAA Division III national doubles championship and the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's nod at Northeast Senior Player of the Year.

Menezes and sophomore Brittany Berckes, seeded third despite being the defending champions, topped teams from Emory and Dennison colleges respectively in the semifinals and finals to win their second straight title.

It was the third appearance in the championship match for Menezes, who was on the losing side in 2006 with partner Kristen Raverta, a West Springfield native who's now an Amherst assistant coach.

Westfield St. hires new golf coaches

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WESTFIELD – Westfield State College announced the hiring of local legend Bob Bontempo as the coach of its newly formed women's varsity golf team yesterday.

Bontempo recently joined the PGA staff at Tekoa Country Club in Westfield, where the college's golf teams will practice and play its home matches.

He has owned Bontempo Tees Co., Inc. in Granby, Mass. for the past 10 years. From 1970 to 1995, Bontempo was the head professional at the Orchards Golf Club in South Hadley, and hosted several major events at the highly renowned course, including the 1987 girls' USGA Junior Championships.

During his years at the Orchards, Bontempo also served the head coach of the Mount Holyoke College golf team. He guided Mount Holyoke to a second place in the 1988 NCAA Division III national championships. The Orchards hosted the NCAA Division II and Division III national championships in 1993.

Bontempo developed outstanding playing skills as a teenager. He won the Mass. State Junior Championship in 1956 and played in the national Jaycee tournament in 1955 and 1956.

The Springfield native became the first junior golfer to win the Springfield city championship in 1957 at the age of 18.

Bontempo played on the golf team at the University of North Carolina, where he graduated from

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UPCOMING HOME GAMES

Baseball (10-6)

Saturday, 4-12: vs.Worcester State @12:00noon
Tuesday, 4-15: vs. MCLA @ 3:00 p.m.

Softball (12-3)

Saturday, 4-12: vs.Worcester State @12:00noon
Tuesday, 4-15: vs. MCLA @ 2:00 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse (3-5)

Thursday, 4-17: vs. Elms College @ 7:00 p.m.

Records and Statistics as of April 7

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Baseball
Batting Average

Kevin Lyons
.391

Softball
Batting Average

Allison Allen
.545

Lacrosse
Leading Goal Scorer

Ally Brown
27 Goals

2007-2008

Corporation Dodgeball completes undefeated season

ZACH FARLEY
SPORTS REPORTER

WESTFIELD -- History was made on Wednesday night when the Corporation completed the first ever undefeated dodgeball season in the history of Westfield State College (19-0.)

After completing an undefeated regular season, the Corporation made the playoff bracket seem like a mere formality as they earned the right to celebrate their second straight championship.

In the first round of the playoffs, the Corporation defeated the play-in game winner easily. Moving on to the second round the Corporation beat 2 thru 7 in a quick match 4-1.

With reigning league MVP Ed Annino, and the off-season additions of Marcus Henry, Zach Farley, and Noah Wade the Corporation was expected to repeat as champions.

"We saw the Patriots and how they were able to win during their run this year, but when they choked we knew we could learn from their mistakes and become the first and only true dodgeball dynasty in Westfield history." said hard throwing senior Steve Gibbons.

The Corporation stressed good fundamentals and ball control during the season. They were able to put numerous line-ups on the court and win regardless of who could show up to the game.

"Their was a clear consensus among dodgeball fans that this was going to be the team to beat all year, but nobody thought that they would be this good." said junior Rob Wayne, "I was really "jonesing" to see them win it all."

The Corporation. Photo courtesy of Zach Farley

In the semi-finals the Corporation played the Brew Crew who had a solid record and some hard throwing talent.

The Corporation went up early and finished them off 4-2.

"We were able to key in on their one or two good players and take them out of their game." said senior Jared Walsh who made big catches all year.

In the finals, the Corporation was hoping to meet the second seeded Ballz Deep who had given them their hardest game during the regular season, but they were shockingly upset by the A-Team in the second round.

"We knew the A-Team would come into the finals hot but we remained focused and took care of business." said senior Pete Rizzo.

The Corporation was able to complete the perfect season with a 4-1 victory in the finals and bring home its second straight crown.

"All year everyone thought we were a little bit too cocky, whether it was bringing sparkling cider on ice to the final four games, flexing mid game, or challenging other players to throwoffs, that was all just a way to bother other team while we stayed focused and played our game which was winning dodgeball championships." said Corporation superstar Ed Annino. "That T-shirt is going to feel extra soft knowing it's a 19-0 shirt."

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Westfield routs Green Mountain, 7-0

Sept 2007

Freshman Ali Pease scores Westfield State's second goal.

WESTFIELD – Freshman forward Kate MacLellan (Wilbraham) tallied two goals and an assist, and sophomore midfielder Colleen Kenney (Longmeadow) recorded three assists to lead Westfield State to a 7-0 women's soccer victory over Green Mountain College of Vermont on Saturday, Sept. 8.

The Owls are 1-3 while Green Mountain dropped to 0-4.

Freshman forward Jill Ranney of Soutwick scored the game's first goal following a nice crossing pass from MacLellan.

Scoring:
Westfield: Jill Ranney (Kate MacLellan), 14:22
Westfield: Ali Pease (Colleen Kenney), 18:59
Westfield: Alicia Chandler (Karissa Brunoli), 24:01
Westfield: Ashley Szczebak (Anna Hart), 49:55
Westfield: Emily Murphy (Colleen Kenney), 52:57
Westfield: Kate MacLellan (Colleen Kenney), 69:02
Westfield: Kim MacLellan, 71:58

Goalie Saves:
Westfield: Andrea Knowles (1st Half) 0 saves; Jessie Tomich (2nd half), 0 saves
Green Mountain: Claire Davis 8 saves

Shots: Westfield 19; Green Mountain 0

VSC bounces back

9/26/07

By JASON REMILLARD
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Local colleges

After a disappointing loss ainst Massachusetts Col-ge of Liberal Arts last week-d, the Westfield State ollege women's soccer team eded a boost.

Freshman Kate MacLellan Wilbraham helped the Owls t of their funk by scoring o first-half goals in an im-essive 3-0 victory over host assachusetts Institute of chnology at Cambridge.

Another freshman, Katrina ssard, added another first-lf goal as Westfield im-oved to 4-5.

MacLellan opened the scor-g in the 15th minute, using e driving wind to blow her rner kick past MIT goalie ephanie Brenman. She ruck again two munutes lat- off an assist by Collen Mur-y.

Lessard closed the scoring ith her first collegiate goal in e 38th minute. Goalie An-ea Knowles needed only o saves for the shutout.

Bay Path 2, Mount Holyoke 1: arianne Owens scored both als, including the game-inner in the second over-me, to propel the host Wild-ts (4-3) to a crucial dependent victory at Ryan eld in Longmeadow.

Sam Gunseth made 14 ves for Bay Path. Elaine arvey stopped four shots for lount Holyoke (1-6).

Springfield 3, Rhode Island Col-ge 0: Nicole Hanewich tallied pair of goals to lead the host ride, the nation's o. 22-ranked Division III squad, at Brock-Affleck Field. Lauren Peltier of Agawam opened the scoring for Springfield (8-1), which outshot the Anchorwomen 21-6.

Goalie Sue Jenney of Agawam secured the shutout with two saves.

Saint Michael's 3, AIC 1: Joanne Germano of West Springfield had the only goal for the visiting Yellow Jackets (6-6, 2-5 Northeast-10).

Freshman goalie Kara Potts of Westfield made six saves.

VOLLEYBALL

Smith 3, Mount Holyoke 2: Catherine Shafer rang up 19 digs and 14 kills to lead host Smith (5-7, 1-3 NEWMAC) to a 30-22, 30-16, 30-26 victory. Mikal Minarcih added 15 assists, six digs and two kills.

Kathryne Schwartz and Maxime Summit played good defense for Mount Holyoke (2-5, 0-4).

WNEC 3, UMass-Boston 2: Sophomore outside hitter Rachel Cervone of West Springfield totaled 18 kills and four digs as the host Golden Bears (13-2) prevailed 30-24, 30-21, 24-30, 25-30, 15-12.

Ashley O'Keefe added 18 kills and 12 digs and setter Katharina Boes had 48 assists.

MIT 3, Springfield 0: Freshman Bethany Stosz of Amherst had eight kills and three blocks as host Springfield (10-5, 2-2 NEWMAC) fell 30-28, 30-25, 30-22.

Heidi Yohe contributed 10 kills and 10 digs.

2007-2008

Owls find way to win

10-9-07

Staff reports

So what if it was a state holiday yesterday: Westfield State College's Ben Berthiaume was glad to work . . . even get the job done in double overtime on Columbus Day.

The sophomore scored his second goal of the game only 52 seconds into the second overtime, giving the Owls a 2-1 Mass. State Conference soccer victory over Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

The winning goal came from just outside the left post at point-blank range after senior Brennan Struthers of Easthampton flicked a no-look pass Berthiaume's way.

Berthiaume tied the game in the 26th minute on a penalty shot after having been taken down in the box.

Mark Tiffany had four saves for Westfield (4-8, 1-3).

Local colleges

Caldwell (N.J.) 2, AIC 0: Host American International College (2-9-3) fought hard in a scoreless game until Caldwell – outshot 17-10 – tallied in the 63rd and 69th minutes.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

WNEC 7, Regis 0: Senior co-captain Tara Trapp's first goal of the season opened the scoring for Western New England College (11-2-1).

Heather Mortell delivered the second and fourth goals. Shivaun Wheeler, Angela Zguro, Kristen Culver and Taryn Lagasse also tallied.

Jessica Covino went the first 60 minutes in goal for the Golden Bears, and Marti Blum finished the shutout.

LEVESQUE PITCHES SHUTOUT: Junior Sarah Levesque of Ludlow stopped two shots for Nichols College (8-5) in a 4-0 win over Eastern Nazarene.

GOLF

ROURKE ROARS FOR WNEC: Junior Steve Rourke of WNEC fired rounds of 4-over-par 76 and 73 at Penobscot Valley Country Club in Orono, Maine, to finish fourth in the Husson Invitational, eight shots behind champion Ryan Blossom (69-72-141) of Bowdoin.

FIELD HOCKEY

St. Michael's 2, AIC 1: At Colchester, Vt., senior forward Nicole Phelps struck in the 68th minute as AIC (2-11, 2-10 Northeast-10) got even, but Chelsea Kimball of St. Michael's (4-10, 4-8) answered five minutes later.

Freshman Nicole Spence made 10 saves for AIC.

Gordon 2, WNEC 0: Emilie Donka had seven saves for host WNEC (4-10, 3-2 TCCC).

BRODERICK POWERS NOR'EASTERS: Freshman Lauren Broderick of Longmeadow notched her first college goal 1:06 into the game as the University of New England Nor'easters (4-7) defeated Nichols (9-3) at Biddeford, Maine.

Junior Sara Bailey of Athol fired in her team-high 13th goal, and sophomore MaryKate Bednarz of Springfield had 10 saves for Nichols.

Women's soccer stuns MIT, 3-0

Sept. 2007

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – Freshman Kate MacLellan scored a pair of goals and fellow rookie Katrina Lessard netted another – all in the first half – as Westfield State rebounded from a tough loss last Saturday to upend the up-start Engineers, 3-0, Tuesday, at Steinbrenner Stadium.

The loss served as the first home defeat of the season for MIT (6-2-0), while it also snapped a six-match winning streak dating back to Sept. 5.

The Owls (4-5-0) showcased surprising quickness from the start of the contest, while the Engineers were hampered by a stiff head wind as well as a lack of urgency at the offensive end of the pitch.

Westfield State opened the scoring on just the second shot of the match in 15th minute. MacLellan posted the unassisted score off a corner kick. The driving wind blew MacLellan's serve in toward the goal where the ball tipped off the outstretched hands of MIT netminder Stephanie Brenman.

McLellan added her second finish of the day, and ninth of the season, just two minutes later as Colleen Kenney fed McLellan for a door-step score just in front of the MIT goal.

The Owls capped the scoring in the 38th minute with another pretty set-up and finish. Emily Murphy secured the assist after delivering a through ball that split the MIT defense. Freshman Katrina Lessard received the feed before turning to connect on the first goal of her collegiate career.

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WESTFIELD STATE WOMEN'S SOCCER

Owls engineer win

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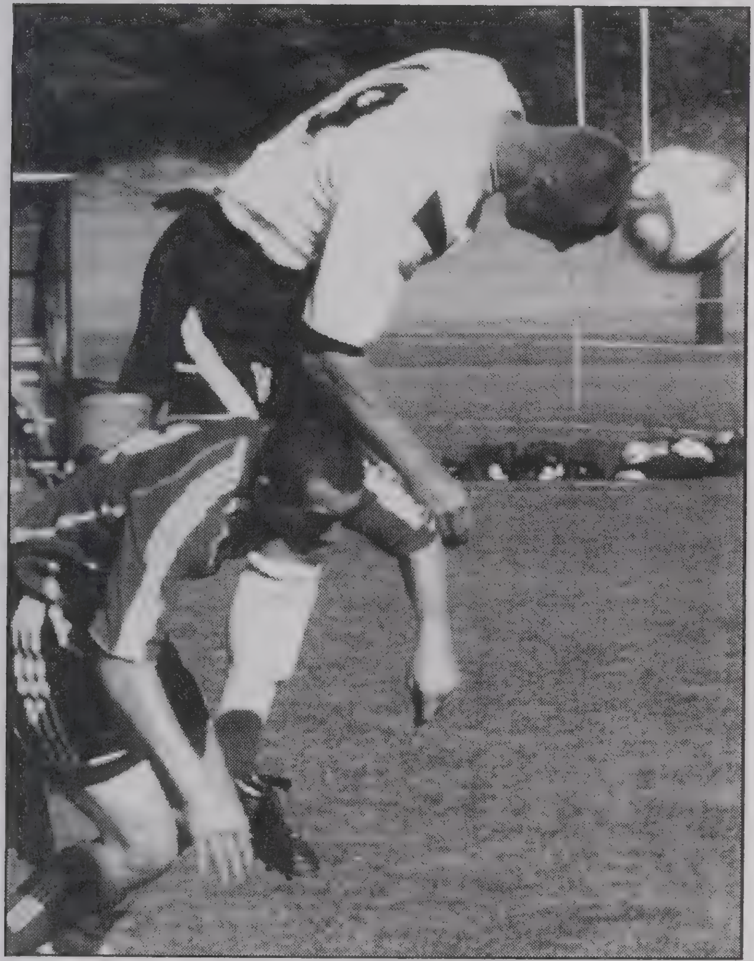
Springfield stops Westfield, 3-1

Sept. 2007



Westfield State's Brennan Struthers goes high for a header during action in the WNEC Soccer Classic. Photo By Mickey Curtis

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. – Senior Dan Lawrence (Easthampton, MA) tallied the game-winner off a corner kick from classmate Mike Stewart (Springfield, MA) as Western New England College defeated Clark University 2-1 in overtime Sunday (Sept. 2) to capture its own WNEC Classic title.

In the first match, Springfield (1-1) scored three unanswered goals in the second half for a 3-1 victory over Westfield State (0-2).

Senior Nick Gumlaw (Agawam, MA) gave the Owls a 1-0 lead in the 32nd minute before the Pride rallied after halftime.

Senior Tony Distasio (Burlington, CT) tied the contest in the 57th minute followed by the game-winning goal by senior Chad Bonnell (Hazlet, NJ) in the 70th minute Distasio added an insurance goal in the 74th minute. He made the All-Tournament Team with classmate Michael Kilmartin (Waterford, NY).

Gumlaw and sophomore Ben Berthiaume (Swansea, MA) were the Westfield State players gaining All-Tournament recognition.

Lawrence was voted the Classic Offensive MVP after netting the winning shot only 1:50 into the extra session. Stewart and sophomore Justin Martins (Ludlow, MA) were selected to the All-Tournament Team.

Clark (1-1) took a 1-0 lead on a goal by senior David Blum (Irvington, NY) just 5:22 into the match. Sophomore Devin Weafer (Carmel, NY) earned the assist.

The Golden Bears (2-0) knotted the match when Martin fired home a shot with assists from Stewart and junior Dale Totman (Conway, MA) in the 11th minute.

WNEC dominated action in the second half, but couldn't find the back of the net. Clark sophomore Charlie Sherman (Amston, CT) had a shot with 1:05 left in regulation sail over the net from about 15 yards out. Junior goalkeeper Peter Wise (Providence, RI) made a great save in the opening of overtime off a shot by WNEC junior Brian Dill (Portland, CT).

Clark senior Lino Goncalves (Newton, MA) was voted the Classic Defensive MVP while Wise and senior Marc Labbe (Waterville, ME) made the All-Tournament Team.

2007-2008

Late goal propels Owls

9/27/07

By FRAN SYPEK
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Local colleges

Time was running out in regulation, and the last thing Westfield State College's men's soccer team wanted was to go to overtime.

Thanks to sophomore Kevin Andrade, the Owls were able to earn a 1-0 victory over visiting Albertus Magnus in a non-conference game yesterday.

Andrade's goal came with 4 minutes and 5 seconds remaining. He scored on a beautiful header in front of goalie Gerald O'Connor following a perfect pass from sophomore Ben Berthiaume.

Mike Thompson and Mark Tiffany combined for a two-save shutout. Westfield outshot Albertus Magnus, 12-3 and had an 8-1 advantage in corner kicks.

Elms 1, Eastern Connecticut 1: Ben Masse of Chicopee scored his first goal of the season to give the Blazers the tie.

Nick Pellegrini of Ludlow made 15 saves for Elms (1-6-1).

The game was scoreless until the 42nd minute when Masse collected a cross from Palmer's T.J. Nevue and scored to provide the Blazers with a 1-0 lead.

Maxim Fantl got the equalizer in the 66th minute for the Warriors (4-3-1).

St. Michael's 2, AIC 0: Despite a solid, four-save effort by East Longmeadow's Anthony Tranghese, the Yellow Jackets lost at home.

Jared Berry and Chris Omaggino scored first-half goals for St. Michael's, which outshot AIC 12-9.

AIC fell to 1-6-3 overall and 1-5-1 in the Northeast-10.

Amherst 4, Springfield 3: John Kneeland, Ryan O'Donnell, Jake Duker and Joe Addison scored as the visiting Lord Jeffs improved to 6-0.

Tony Disatasio scored twice for the Pride (4-5).

Jeff Grover made four saves for Amherst. B.J. Sturdivant had three stops for Springfield.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

WNEC 2, Salve Regina 0: Danielle Mate scored twice as the Golden Bears (8-2) extended their winning streak to six games.

WNEC outshot the visitors, 19-4 and played a tremendous defensive game. Jess Covino needed to make only two saves to earn the shutout.

Both of Matte's goals came during the first half. The first was set up by Nicole Poli at 15:51 and the second was an unassisted effort at 25:46.

HCC 3, STCC 2: Becky Dee scored two goals, including the winner with 17 minutes remaining in the game, to lift the Cougars in the battle for first place in the region.

HCC (6-4) also got a goal from Kali Nunez. Jess Sugrue scored one goal and set up one by Julie Persico for STCC (5-2).

Sam Wohlers made 12 saves for HCC. Allyson Parker had six for STCC.

Both of Dee's goals came on corner kicks by Ashley Piccirilli.

Wheaton 2, Amherst 1: Freshman Kyla Woodhouse scored for host Amherst.

Brandeis 3, Smith 1: Dalyn Houser scored for Smith (1-5-1).

FIELD HOCKEY

WNEC 3, Endicott 2: Don't call the Golden Bears goal-challenged any more.

Don't call them winless, either.

WNEC, which entered the game with only five goals in its previous eight games, broke into the win column. The Bears are 1-8.

Senior Cori Eggert scored one goal and set up another. Justine McComb and Kaela Jalbert also scored, while Emilie Donka made 12 saves.

UMass 2, Brown 1: Erin Parker of South Deerfield and Lauren Gillespie scored for UMass, which evened its record at 5-5.

Gillespie snapped a tie with 9:22 remaining when she collected a pass from Jaime Bourazeris and scored on a tip-in.

Sarah Williams made two saves to improve her record to 4-1.

Brown fell to 0-8.

Katie Kelly's first career assist helped UMass take a 1-0 lead. Kelly found an open Parker, who got the pass in heavy traffic and flipped in a high shot.

Victoria Sacco scored off a corner to knot the score at 1-1.

Springfield 3, Williams 2: Brittany Veazie scored her second goal 3:09 into overtime to lift No. 17 Springfield (7-2).

No. 14Williams (5-2) suffered its second straight setback.

Jane Kelleher also scored for the Pride. Emma Kaplan made 16 saves in goal.

Keene State 3, Westfield State 2: Carly Benning scored twice, and Amy Dolce netted the winning goal to to lift visiting Keene.

Megan Wolski, the school's all-time leading scorer, gave the Owls a 1-0 lead 10:00 into the game. But two goals by Benning provided Keene with a 2-1 lead.

Wolski set up a goal by Vicky Winson at 48:33, but Dolce's game-winner came at 59:32.

Cat Hanks made four saves for the Owls (5-3).

Amherst 5, Mount Holyoke 0: Christa Porcaro and Haley Doude scored two goals each as Amherst improved to 4-2. Molly Mellow also scored.

TENNIS

Springfield 5, WNEC 2: Devon Masse won at singles for the Pride (2-3). The Golden Bears fell to 4-2.

Connecticut College 8, Mount Holyoke 1: Sarah London defeated Danielle Coleman, 1-6, 6-1 (10-8) at No. 3 singles for the Lyons (1-4).

GOLF

Rhode Island College Tournament: Elms finished fourth out of four teams at Triggs Memorial Golf Course, but Ludlow's Neil Daigneault had an outstanding round.

Daigneault set a school record with a three-under-par 72. He had seven birdies.

VOLLEYBALL

Elms 3, Becker 0: Melissa Clark had nine kills and blocked two shots as the Blazers improved to 4-5.

2007-2008

WNEC wears tie on road

By JASON REMILLARD
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Roundup

At this stage in the season, the Western New England College women's soccer team will take points any way it can get them.

The Golden Bears benefited from solid goaltending by Jessica Covino to pull out a 0-0 double-overtime tie against host Curry College yesterday. WNEC (9-2-1, 6-0-1) has yet to taste defeat in its first season in The Commonwealth Coast Conference.

"It's a good road tie," WNEC coach Ron Dias said. "We're still undefeated."

Covino played all 110 minutes and made eight saves, including a difficult stop late in the match to keep the Golden Bears in it. Her Curry counterpart, Danielle Denham, also played well and made six saves.

WNEC travels to New England College for a TCCC contest Saturday at noon.

Elms 3, Bay Path 1: Finally, a Gagne who can stop losing streaks.

Sophomore forward Krystyna Gagne netted a pair of goals to help host Elms snap its three-game skid. Goalies Shannon Donnelly of Florence and Miranda Allen of Holyoke combined to make three saves for the Blazers (3-7-1, 2-2-1 NAC).

Marianne Owens tied it at 1-1 for the Wildcats (4-5-1, 2-3-1) only 83 seconds after Gagne's initial goal in the 26th minute. Shannon Schickler put Elms ahead 2-1 just 73 seconds later. Gagne added an insurance goal in the second half.

Bay Path sophomore goalie Samantha Gunseth was outstanding, making 15 saves. Elms outshot Bay Path 31-8.

HCC 10, Bunker Hill CC 1: Hampshire Regional High School graduate Maria Merritt netted a hat trick as the visiting Cougars (7-4-1, 6-0-1 MCCAC) put on an offensive clinic. Sarah Jaskula contributed a goal and four assists.

Holyoke Catholic graduate Sam Wohlers, who is usually HCC's starting goalie, took the field and scored a goal.

Western Conn. 6, Westfield St. 0: Andrea Knowles and Jessie Tomich had two and six saves respectively for the visiting Owls (4-7).

MEN'S SOCCER

UMass 2, Montreal 1: Michael Jejna's goal in the 48th minute proved to be the difference for host UMass at Rudd Field.

Douglas Rappaport put UMass (6-4-1) ahead 1-0 in the 28th minute. The Minutemen take a three-game winning streak into Saturday's 6 p.m. game against Hartford.

Amherst 2, Conn. College 1: Senior tri-captain Ryan O'Donnell netted both goals, including the game winner with 1:32 to play, as the visiting Lord Jeffs improved to 8-0 (5-0 NESCAC).

WNEC 3, Curry 1: Cathedral High School graduates Matt Sullivan and Mike Stewart, both of Springfield, each scored for the visiting Golden Bears (8-3-2, 6-1 TCCC).

Springfield 1, Bridgewater St. 1 Sophomore forward John Plourd of Southampton scored only 6:08 into the game as the Pride (4-6-1) picked up a poin on the road.

SC goalkeeper B.J. Sturdivant finished with eight saves.

Sophomore Ryan Seifert of Ludlow made 14 saves for Bridgewater (4-5-2).

Trinity 1, Westfield St. 0: Junior goalie Mike Thompson of Feeding Hills made 14 saves for the visiting Owls (3-7), who suffered their second straight overtime loss.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

WNEC 9, Wentworth 0: Cathedral graduate Meredith Hughes of Springfield was victorious at No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles to lead the host Golden Bears (6-2).

VOLLEYBALL

AIC 3, Saint Anselm 0: Kambryn Williams and Katie Wilkinson notched 12 and 11 kills, respectively, as the host Yellow Jackets (4-7, 2-5) won 30-24, 30-22, 30-18 in Northeast-10 Conference action.

HOCKEY

UMASS RECEIVES VOTES: The University of Massachusetts is the first team in the Others Receiving Votes category of this week's U.S. College Hockey Online Division I poll. The Minutemen are 21st with 45 points.

North Dakota tops the poll, followed by Boston College, Michigan State, Miami (Ohio) and Minnesota. Other Hockey East teams include New Hampshire (No. 6), Boston University (No. 9), Maine (No. 12) and Vermont (No. 20).

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Westfield State pulls out win

9/14/07

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Local colleges

Senior Megan Wolski scored with 16 minutes, 24 seconds remaining to snap a tie and lift Westfield State College to a 2-1 field hockey decision over host Western New England College yesterday.

Athol's Alicia Gardner also scored for the 4-0 Owls. Cori Eggert scored for the 0-5 Golden Bears.

Springfield 5, Connecticut College 0: Junior Jane Kelleher scored one goal and set up two others as the No. 15 Pride improved to 4-1-5.

Meghan Bradley, Eileen Jenkins, Brittany Veazie and Emily Murray also scored for the Pride.

MEN'S SOCCER

WNEC 1, Wheaton 1: Nick Zarka scored the equalizer during the 85th minute for the 3-1-1 Golden Bears. Ludlow's Justin Martins set up the goal at Suprenant Field.

The Golden Bears are ranked eighth in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America New England Division III poll.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

WNEC 8, Salve Regina 1: The Golden Bears beat the defending Commonwealth Coast Conference champs and improved to 2-0.

Former Cathedral standout Meredith Hughes of Springfield won at No. 1 singles and teamed with Ashley Sunderland to prevail at first doubles.

WNEC earned praised from its opponent's coach.

"Western New England played steady throughout and that, combined with our unforced errors and aggressive mistakes made the difference in many games," Salve Regina coach Ed Habershaw said.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UMass schedule set: A total of 14 home games will highlight a challenging 2007-08 University of Massachusetts women's basketball schedule, which was released yesterday by head coach Marnie Dacko.

The Minutewomen begin the season by hosting Vermont on Nov. 9. They will play six games against teams who reached the postseason last year. The schedule also features an exhibition game in the Cage (Nov. 2 vs. Athletes in Action) and the Minutewomen's 6 p.m. game with Boston College on Nov. 14 is the first game of a doubleheader. At 8 p.m. the men's team hosts Yale.

"Once again, we have assembled a very challenging schedule that will help to prepare us for the Atlantic 10 Conference season," Dacko said in a release. "Our non-conference schedule features teams from the Big East, ACC and America East as well as a Thanksgiving Weekend Tournament in North Carolina against several teams that played in either the NCAA Tournament or WNIT last year."

The A-10 tournament will be at Philadelphia.

Rams nip Owls in overtime, 2-1

10/5/07

WESTFIELD – Junior midfielder Michael Jones (Norwood) scored with 1:24 left in overtime to give Framingham State a 2-1 victory over Westfield State in Mass. State Conference action on Saturday, Sept. 29.

Framingham improved to 5-2-1 overall and 2-0 in the conference. Westfield drops to 3-6 and 0-2. The Owls also lost their conference opener in overtime, 2-1, to MCLA last weekend.

Framingham freshman reserve, Richie Greene, scored the game's first goal in the 80th minute. He received a pass from freshman, Jason Silva (Milford), and drilled a shot just inside the right post.

Westfield tied the score with 5:58 left in regulation. Sophomore, Josh Silvia (South Windsor, Conn.) crossed the ball in front of the net to senior forward, Nick Gumlaw (Agawam), who calmly settled the ball and scored from point blank range.

The Owls nearly scored a minute later when sophomore Ben Berthiaume headed a cross from inside the right post but Framingham goalie, Eddie Palomba, made one of his four saves.

With Gumlaw sidelined with a leg injury in the overtime stanza, Westfield sophomore, Tom McCarthy, had two solid scoring opportunities.

Scoring:
Framingham: Richie Greene (Jason Silva), 79:32
Westfield: Nick Gumlaw (Josh Silvia), 84:02
Framingham: Michael Jones (Rob Harvey), 98:36

Goalie Saves:
Westfield: Mark Tiffany 5 saves
Framingham: Eddie Palomba 4 saves

Shots: Westfield 9; Framingham 14
Corners: Westfield 3; Framingham 4

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WNEC stopped in women's volleyball

9-6-07

Westfield wins 1st in men's soccer

By **MIKE BOGEN**
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The Western New England College women's volleyball team is taking the stairway to the post season two steps at a time this season, and yesterday for only the second time, the Golden Bears stumbled a bit.

WNEC, which is off to the best start in the program's history, split a pair of home games yesterday, beating Wentworth Institute of Technology 3-0 before losing to Roger Williams in five games.

The split, in WNEC's first two Commonwealth Coast Conference games, left the Bears, who won their first nine matches – including two twin-bill sweeps – with a 10-2 record.

Senior Ashley O'Keefe had 12 kills and four aces in the 30-22, 30-26, 30-24 victory over Wentworth, and then had 17 kills in the second match, when WNEC came back from a two-game deficit, 26-30 and 13-30, to win two very close games, 30-28, 30 and 27, before dropping the fifth game 13-15.

Sophomore Rachel Cervone of West Springfield had nine kills in both matches.

Roundup

Springfield 3, Wheaton 0: Freshman Bethany Stosz of Amherst had 12 kills to pace the visiting Pride to a 30-18, 30-19, 30-25 victory in their NEWMAC opener, their sixth win in nine matches.

Westfield St. 3, Salem St. 0: Elissa Genereux of Belchertown had 27 assists and five aces as the Owls topped Salem 30-6, 30-10, 30-24.

Bay Path splits: Lauren Vrab had seven digs and four kills as Bay Path defeated Castleton 30-25, 30-18, 30-21, and then Amanda Bruce and Ashley Cimmino had four kills each as the host Wildcats bowed to Becker 25-30, 30-20, 23-30, 23-30.

Elms splits: Westfield's Amanda Konsewicz had 17 kills and Jeannette Nunez, who had a total of 30 kills in both matches, had 31 digs as the host Blazers topped Lesley 19-30, 30-17, 30-24, 30-26 in the second NAC match.

Elms lost to Husson in the opener 20-30, 24-30, 30-28, 18-30.

MEN'S SOCCER

Westfield St. 2, Newbury 1: Senior Nick Gumlaw of Agawam scored in the 53rd minute to break a 1-1 tie and lift the visiting Owls to their first victory in five starts this season.

Junior midfielder Jeff Trudeau gave Westfield the lead only 15 minutes into the game, before Gedeon Endeshaw tied it in the 32nd minute, with an assist from Amherst native John Mawson.

Westfield launched 20 shots at Newbury goaltender Brian Picano and had a 15-6 edge in corner kicks.

Babson 2, Springfield 0: Despite outshooting the Beavers 15-14, the closest the host Pride could come to a goal in their New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference opener was a header by Scott Swanekamp that hit the crossbar in the first half.

WNEC 2, Eastern Nazarene 0: Jim Maples and Ludlow's Justin Martins scored once each as the visiting Golden Bears won for the fourth time, against a loss and a tie.

Mike Stewart, a former Cathedral athlete, and Dale Totman, who played at Frontier Regional, had assists for WNEC.

Amherst 3, Bates 0: Senior Kevin Dolan scored the game-winning goal as the visiting Golden Bears ran their record to 4-0, 2-0 in NESCAC play.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

AIC 1, Assumption 0: Senior forward Joanne Germano of West Springfield put in the rebound of her own shot nine minutes into the second half, and freshman goalkeeper Kara Potts of Westfield had an easy three-save day as the host Yellow Jackets won for the second time in five Northeast-10 games and evened their overall record at 4-4.

Springfield 1, RPI 0: Although it dominated play to the extent that goalkeeper Sue Jenney did not have to make a save, it took Springfield 76 minutes, three seconds to break a scoreless tie – on Kayla Thibeault's goal – and defeat the visiting Red Hawks.

Amherst 1, Bates 0: Former Cathedral High School standout Meg Murphy is just warming up.

Murphy, the New England Small College Athletic Conference Rookie of the Year as a freshman last season, scored her first goal of the season in the sixth minute to lift the visiting Lord Jeffs (1-1-2) to victory in their NESCAC opener.

WNEC 6, Eastern Nazarene 0: Freshman Shannon Pescatello scored two goals, and classmate Alicia D'Ambra added a goal and an assist as the visiting Golden Bears, 5-2 overall, ran their Commonwealth Coast Conference record to 3-0.

Elms 4, Becker 0: Sophomore Kelsey Battige of Monson scored her team-best third goal of the season, and sophomore Krystyna Gagna nailed her first two of the year as the host Blazers won their North American Conference opener.

Smith 0, Skidmore 0: Junior goalie Marlowe Dieckmann and a tough defense enabled the Pioneers to escape with the tie, despite being outshot 30-4.

Williams 4, Connecticut College 0: Senior captain Ana Sani's two goals helped the host Ephs to their fourth victory in as many starts.

FIELD HOCKEY

St. Michael's 4, AIC 3: Former Greenfield High School teammates Stephanie Lasky and Chelsey Grogan scored first-half goals, but the Yellow Jackets were unable to hold on to the lead against the visiting Purple Knights and lost in overtime.

Mount Holyoke 5, Elms 0: Sophomore Mary Kate Switchenko scored three goals, two in the first 15 minutes, as the Lyons overwhelmed the visiting Blazers.

Bates 5, Amherst 4: The visiting Lord Jeffs suffered their first loss in three starts this season, despite a good comeback late in the second half, as sophomore Haley Douds had a goal and an assist.

Williams 3, Conn. College 0: K.K. Kreig, Molly McGowan and Julia Nawrocki scored one goal each to pace the Ephs to their third victory in as many starts.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

UMass first: Freshman Jeffery Hill finished second, followed by Patrick McAllister (fourth), Jon Pierce (seventh), Kris Carle (ninth) and Ludlow's David Johnson 11th, as the Minutemen won a home meet against Maine, Connecticut, Colgate and Vermont.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

UMass second: Senior Christina Derosa placed second to lead the Minutewomen. Amber Sayer of Amherst was sixth and Lauren Stocker of Westfield ninth in the race, which was won by Maine.

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Westfield slams Salem

Sept. 2007

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State College women's volleyball team opened Mass. State Conference play with an easy 3-0 victory over Salem State at the Woodward Center on Saturday, Sept. 15.

The Owls improved to 4-3 overall. Salem is 0-3. Westfield cruised in the first game, 30-6, and also in game two, 30-10. The Owls won the third game, 30-24.

Sophomore Stephanie Bartkus led the Owls with six kills, five assists, three aces, and six digs, and sophomore middle hitter Alyssa Thibodeau had a team-high seven kills.Lauren Sena registered five kills and Morgan Hosking and Maura McLaughlin each had four.

Senior co-captain Elissa Genereux had 27 assists and five aces. Senior co-captain Krista Grifoni recorded 16 digs and five aces.

Westfield wins volleyball crown; halts long Bridgewater conference streak

Nov. 2007

BRIDGEWATER– The Bridgewater State College volleyball team saw its 12-year reign as MASCAC champions come to an end this past, Oct. 23, as the Bears dropped a 3-0 (32-30, 30-22, 30-20) decision to the Owls of Westfield State College.

With the victory, Westfield captured its first MASCAC regular season title in 20 years and will host the conference postseason tournament on Saturday, Nov. 3. Bridgewater had won 12 straight MASCAC titles beginning in 1995. The Bears also saw their 114-match winning streak versus conference opponents come to an end. BSC had not lost to a MASCAC team since the 1994 season.

"It was very gratifying," said Westfield State coach Fred Glanville. "We played well and responded well to the pressure. We got a little rattled at the beginning then started to play hard again."

Westfield led the first game by as many as 13 points before Bridgewater came storming back to take its only lead the entire match. The Owls regrouped, however, to pull out the key 32-30 first-game victory.

Westfield also jumped out to double digit leads in the second and third games but Bridgewater had no answers.

"We had a balanced attack and our defenders really picked up everybody," said Glanville. "And we have more hitters this year."

Westfield, 13-12 overall, 5-0 conference, was led by senior libero Krista Grifoni who recorded a match-high 35 digs. Senior outside hitter Morgan Hosking tallied 11 kills to go along with 3 aces, while senior setter Elissa Genereux registered a match-high 27 assists.

"Morgan was hitting bombs," said Glanville. "And Krista and Elissa controlled the tempo. These are the three seniors on our team and their leadership and experience really showed tonight."

Sophomore standout Stephanie Bartkus, who was sidelined this past weekend with an injury, also played well with eight kills, 19 digs, and three blocks. Sophomore Alyssa Thibodeau had five kills and two blocks.

Senior middle hitter, Kelsey Collasius paced the Bears with 17 kills to increase her MASCAC-leading total to 412. Collasius now has 1,615 kills for her career as she is just the second player in BSC volleyball history to eclipse the 1,600-kill barrier.

Also highlighting the match for Bridgewater were senior setter, Erica Kelley, and junior, Elsa Apostoli who combined for 31 assists. BSC really struggled on serve as the Bears committed 14 serving errors in the match.

The Bears will host the BSC Halloween Classic on Friday and Saturday. Westfield travels to Western Connecticut state University on Thursday night for a 7 o'clock match with the Colonials.

Grifoni leads Westfield State to historic volleyball victory

Jean DePlacido

Whenever the Westfield State volleyball team would face archrival Bridgewater State during the past three seasons, the result was always the same. The high hopes the Owls would always bring with them would be dashed by the perennial MASCAC power.

But the results were very different this season.

When the two undefeated squads squared off before a packed house at Bridgewater State, the visiting Owls — powered by senior captain **Krista Grifoni** of Peabody — recorded a huge upset to win their first league championship in 20 years.

The win snapped a 114-consecutive game win streak by the lost Bears in conference play, dating all the way back to 1994, and ended a string of 12 straight MASCAC volleyball titles.

Westfield State did it in impressive fashion, beating Bridgewater State in three straight (32-30, 30-22, 30-20).

"We did it on their Senior Night," said Grifoni, who is a libero. "We were so excited because we've been waiting a long, long time for this. I had a feeling we were going to do it this year.

"In the first game we were way up, 20-8, before they came back to make it close. We made some mental mistakes that allowed them to get back in it, but we settled down.

"It was great to beat them in three straight and make a statement, because they come in expecting to win," Grifoni added. "They have always been very cocky, and this was a huge loss for them. All their players were in tears when it was over. They couldn't believe we had won, but I couldn't feel too sorry for them. It has happened to us too many times in the past."

Westfield State earned the right to host the MASCAC tournament and swept Worcester State in the semifinal round, 3-0. However, Bridgewater State exacted a measure of revenge by winning the MASCAC crown, 3-1, over the Owls, who finished the year 15-15.

Grifoni was named a MASCAC First Team all-star at libero, one of three Owls named to the six-player squad.

"We purposely played several tough games with schools above us to get better," said Grifoni of her team's schedule this fall. "We were up against Williams, the No. 2 team in New England, and Amherst (No. 4). We also went to the Hall of Fame Tournament a couple of weeks ago. We only won one, beating Mt. Holyoke in three games, but we gained valuable experience."

Grifoni has had a great career for the Owls. She was named MASCAC Rookie of the Year in 2004 and Second Team conference all-star at setter. Last season, she made the Second Team again, but this time at libero (defensive specialist), and has had a fabulous senior year.

Grifoni had a match-high 35 digs in her team's win against Bridgewater and ranked 18th nationally in Division 3 for most digs per game (6.55) in Division 3 after being third (7.18 per game) earlier in the year.

"One of my goals at the beginning of the year was to be in the top 10 for digs. But at the top of my list was to beat Bridgewater," said Grifoni, a psychology major.

"Our other captain, Elissa Genereux is our setter, and we both kept telling the younger girls to win this (MASCAC tournament) for us. I think we have a big advantage playing on our home court. We're used to the lighting and feel very comfortable. It's so much better than going to Bridgewater."

Grifoni believes the team chemistry plays a big part in her team's success. The girls are all close and support each other, she said.

"We do things together all the time," said Grifoni. "One girl on our team read an awesome poem she wrote before our big game with Bridgewater. I didn't realize what beating them meant when I was a freshman, but all the seniors realize now this is our last shot. It took a complete effort from everybody to do it — now, we want to keep it going."

Grifoni works on her game year-round. In spring there is volleyball practice, and during the summer she trains hard.

"I run and jump rope every day and lift weights every other day," said Grifoni. "As the season gets closer I intensify the routine and do a lot of sprints. Agility is the most important thing in this sport. You have to be fast and in really good shape. At this level it is a lot harder than people think."

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Owls host Volleyball Tournament

11/9/07

The Westfield State College women's volleyball team is hosting the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) tournament for the first time on Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Woodward Center.

Westfield earned the right to host the tournament by winning the MASCAC regular season title with a perfect 5-0 record. Westfield's victory over runner-up Bridgewater State snapped the Bear's streak of 12 straight league championships and 114 consecutive victories vs. conference opponents. Westfield last won the conference championship in 1987.

The Owls host No. 4 seed Worcester State at 11:00 a.m. in the single-elimination tournament. Bridgewater plays Framingham State at 1:00 p.m. The championship match is slated for 3:00 p.m., with the winner receiving an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

NCAA regional competition will be held Nov. 8-10.

Bite the cold: Work hard

Sept 21, 2007

Mike Coughlin
Photography Editor

"When you want something in life, you have to work hard for it," says WSC sophomore Bailey Hunter. Hunter is on the Co-Ed Cheerleading team at the College.

"I love practicing at this time (dusk), the sky is beautiful and there is a bite in the air which adds a mental factor to my conditioning. Not only am I creating a strong body but also a strong mind."

Every year the Co-Ed Cheerleading team travels to Disney World to compete in the College National Cheerleading Championship. "It's important that we all stay in shape, we go up against some great competition from all over the country. I make sure I work hard at practice and away from practice. Hard work is why I'm so successful. I think if everyone worked a little harder the world would be a better place," said Hunter.

Keep an eye out for dates where the competition team performs at the Woodward Center later in the fall semester.

Bailey Hunter is practicing outside the back of Dickinson Hall Sunday at sundown. Hunter bites the cold as she conditions with jumps. The Co-Ed Cheerleading team travels to Florida for the UCA National Championchip.

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Gordon College edges Westfield

11/19/07

WENHAM, Mass. - Gordon College senior forward Michael Schnackenberg (South Portland, Maine) hit a lay-up with 1.2 seconds showing on the clock as the Fighting Scots (2-0) defeated Westfield State College, 50-48, to win the Gordon College Tip-Off Tournament.

With 1:48 to play in the game, Marstaller converted on a pair of free-throws to put the Fighting Scots up three, 48-45. After each side traded turnovers, Owls (1-1) sophomore forward Drew Pereira (Seekonk, Mass.) hit a lay-up with 44 seconds to play to bring the visitors within one, 48-47. With ten seconds showing on the clock, Owls sophomore guard Brandon Mauer (Pittsfield, Mass.) was fouled to give Westfield State a chance to take the lead. Mauer calmly hit the first shot to tie the game at 48 apiece but his second shot rimmed out.

Marstaller grabbed the rebound on the missed free-throw and hit sophomore guard Brady Bajema (Whitinsville, Mass.) with a pass across mid-court. Bajema then found an open Schnackenberg who put the ball in off the glass with just over a second to play in regulation. Following a timeout, the Owls had one last chance to make something happen but the in-bound pass was deflected by Marstaller as the Fighting Scots held on for the win 50-48 in front of the home crowd.

In the first half, the Fighting Scots found themselves down ten, 14-4, as Pereira hit a jumper with 13:15 to play in the half. The Scots battled back to within five, 16-11, as sophomore center Jeff Derr (Barrington, Ill.) knocked down a jumper with 9:55 to play. Owls freshman guard Vinny Baker (Springfield, Mass.) would put the visitors back up ten, 21-11, with a three-pointer with 7:31 to play before a 16-5 Fighting Scots run over the next five minutes made it a 27-26 contest with the

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WESTFIELD: This could be a challenging season for 10th-year coach Rich Sutter and his Westfield College Owls who were 17-11 last year, but will miss Curtis Gadles (20.4 points, 7.9 rebounds), and guard Gavin Illangakoon, who averaged 12.3 points and a team-high 4.3 assists.

In the early going, the 1-2 Owls have gotten strong performances from returning starters Ryan Mauer (10.8 points, 4.8 rebounds last year) and Dave Jaenig (12.4, 6.4) and sophomores Drew Pereira and Brandon Mauer.

Freshman Vinny Baker, out of the High School of Commerce, made his first impact Tuesday night, scoring 14 in an 81-71 loss to Elms.

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Westfield stops Springfield, 82-69

12/7/07

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. - Ryan Mauer scored a game-high 26 points and Dave Jaehnig tallied 22 points as the Westfield State Owls topped the Pride, 82-69, in the second day of the Pioneer Valley Hoop Classic.

The loss drops the Pride to 1-3 this season as it has dropped its last three contests while the Owls improve to 3-3 this season. In Saturday's other game, Amherst held on for a 63-51 victory over a determined Western New England team.

Senior point guard Andrew Olson - the reigning Division III player of the year - led the Lord Jeffs with 17 points and nine assists and was the tournament MVP.

The Owls led by as much as eight in the first half after a layup by Matt Badjo put the visitors up 23-15 with 6:43 left. However, the Pride responded with a 10-2 run in the next 2:41 capped off by a pair of Pat Crean (Sleepy Hollow, N.Y.) free throws to knot the contest at 20 apiece. The Pride could only muster six more points the rest of the half as Westfield went into the locker room with a 36-31 advantage.

In the second half, the Pride got as close as three after a Crean jumper cut the Owls lead to 47-44 with 15:22 left in the game. From there, the Owls opened up a 20-9 run over the next 7:42 to take a commanding 67-53 led with 7:40 on the clock. Jaehnig registered eight points in the run to lead the way.

John Strawson (Torrington, Conn.) was named to the All-Tournament for the Pride as he netted a career-best 20 points to go along with nine boards. Jamaal Gibbs (Norwalk, Conn.) added 13 points, six boards, and five assists while Ryan Blackmon (Stamford, Conn.) chipped in with 11 points in a balanced attack. Crean finished with 10 points, six rebounds, and six assists, while Gregg Daly (Farmington, Conn.) recorded 10 points and eight rebounds.

Westfield State freshman Chris Jurkowski takes a jump shot during the Owls' Pioneer Valley Classic game vs. Amherst at Springfield College.

Westfield shot 59 percent from the field, including a sizzling 67 percent in the second half. The Pride struggled from the field in the game as it went 16 of 29 (55.2%) from the charity stripe and 3 of 18 (16.7%) from downtown.

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Mauers power Owls in opener

WENHAM, Mass. - thers Ryan Mauer (20 nts, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, teals) and Brandon Mauer points, 9 rebounds) led stfield State to a 74-52 vic- y over Alfred (N.Y.) iversity in the opening nd of the Gordon College Off Tournament.

Westfield will play rdon College in the cham- onship game. Gordon feated Mount St. Vincent .Y.) College, 78-59, in iday's other game.

The Owls led 33-27 at lftime, shooting 38 percent om the field. In the second lf, they shot a sizzling 61 ercent in outscoring Alfred, 1-25.

Ryan Mauer, one of Vestfield's only two seniors, shot 12-for-15 from the foul line. Brandon Mauer - a sophomore transfer from LeMoyne College - was a perfect 5-for-5 from the field, including 4-for-4 from 3-point range. He played 25 minutes in a reserve role.

Sophomore forward Drew Pereira scored 13 points.

Alfred jumped out to a 19-9 lead with 11:32 to play in the first period as senior guard Garlen Patt (Nelson, Pa.) hit consecutive baskets to put the Saxons up early.

Westfield State chipped into the lead and used a 17-4 run over a five minute span to take the lead at 24-23 for its first lead of the contest. A three-point play by Brandon Mauer (Pittsfield, Mass.) put WSC up six, 29-23, before Ryan Mauer completed his own three-point play to make it a 32-23 game with just over two minutes remaining in the first half. Alfred cut the lead down to six, 33-27 just before the break.

In the second half, the Owls padded their lead as Pereira (Seekonk, Mass.) hit three consecutive lay-ups to put his team up 17, 51-34, with 11:38 to play. With 8:10 to play, the Saxons cut the lead to 14, 55-41 as freshman forward Ellis Walsh (Penfield, N.Y.) hit a pair of free-throws, but the Saxons would come no closer down the stretch as Westfield State cruised to the 74-52 win.

Jaehnig scores 27 points, Owls beat Lynx 72-51

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – In a challenging match up with Westfield State College, the Lesley University men's basketball was defeated 72-51 to drop its record to 3-6 (1-0 North Atlantic Conference).

The Lynx had a solid game from Joe Chatman (Boston, Mass.) who hit 7-of-16 shots from the field including 4-of-8 from beyond the arc for a total of 20 points. He added six rebounds, two steals, and one assist in the losing effort. Malcolm Andrews (Medford, Mass.), the only other Lesley player in double-figures, hit 50 percent of his shots for 10 points. Zach Rocha (New Bedford, Mass.) gave 23 strong minutes off the bench as he contributed six points, three rebounds, and three assists.

For the Owls, junior guard Dave Jaehnig (Quincy, Mass.) scored a game-high 27 points as he hit all four of his three-point attempts and was 7-of-9 from the free throw line. Jaehnig was a terror on defense as well, nabbing three steals and blocking two shots.

Westfield State also had double-digit efforts from Drew Pereira (Seekonk, Mass.) and Ryan Mauer (Pittsfield, Mass.) who had 16 and 11 points, respectively. Junior forward Matt Badjo (Worcester, Mass.) controlled the boards grabbing nine rebounds, seven of them defensive.

Westfield State set the tone for the game in the first seven minutes as they raced out to a 17-4 advantage, courtesy of nine quick points for Jaehnig and eight from Pereira.

The Lynx closed the lead to 10 going into the second half, but the Owls opened up the new period with another impressive run, outscoring their opponent 14-4. With the victory, Westfield State College improved its record to 6-3. The Owls next game will be on Jan. 4 against Mt. St. Vincent.

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'wls topple WNEC

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Tyler Kathan and Travon Little each scored 17 for Keene (7-5).

The Pride led by as many as 16 in both halves. Daly put Springfield up 16 with a three-pointer with just under three minutes to play in the half and two minutes into the half a Pat Crean layup again pushed the margin to 16.

But midway through the half the Owls went on a 16-5 run that gave them their first lead of the game, 71-70.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Keene St. 69, Westfield St. 55: Keene jumped out to 12-0 lead and the host Owls never caught up.

Lauren Sylvain scored 11 points off the bench to lead Westfield State (5-7). Westfield's leading scorer, Andrea Wasuk, was limited to just 12 minutes because of foul trouble and finished with just eight.

Michelle Boudreau had a game-high 20 points for Keene (7-4).

Bridgewater St. 76, WNEC 55: The Golden Bears were done in by the Feeney sisters.

Seniors Colleen and Caitlin Feeney led the Bears (8-3) to the road victory. Colleen scored 30 points, pulled down 20 rebounds and blocked eight shots. Colleen scored 14 points and grabbed 10 boards.

Freshman Taryn Belowsky led WNEC (4-6) with 16 points and five steals and Jen Dabrowski added 10 points.

MCLA 69, Bard 35: Jess Tietgens scored 15 points for host MCLA (7-4).

Daniel Webster 90, Bay Path 48: Jessica Hunt had a double-double with 16 points and 11 rebounds, but Bay Path lost on the road.

Christy Ordyna added 13 for Bay Path (1-8).

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Westfield State rally by Salem

1/13/08

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It may be early in the conference schedule for the Westfield State men's basketball team, but any win over Salem State is cause for celebration.

Junior forward Dave Jaehnig scored a career-high 32 points, and the Owls rallied from a 10-point deficit in the second half to beat the Vikings 77-74 last night at the Woodward Center.

"I'm proud of my guys the way they fought," Westfield State coach Rich Sutter said. "It's a good win, but we're a long way from the finish line right now."

The teams traded body blows in the first half before the Vikings (10-4, 1-1 Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference) took control with an 19-8 run to close the half with a seven-point lead.

It was 51-41 after Dylan Holmes (16 points, 10 rebounds) made one of two free throws for Salem State. Then the Owls started chipping away.

Chris Kinback's 3-pointer made it 55-50. After Jeremy Taitt made one of two foul shots, Belchertown's Chris Jurkowski came off the bench and buried a 3-pointer to make it 56-53.

It was 58-53 when the Owls (12-4, 2-1) reeled off eight straight points. Brandon Mauer hit a 3-pointer, Jaehnig scored on a nice spin move to tie the game and then gave Westfield the lead by converting a 3-point play.

The Vikings did tie the game at 68, but Drew Pereira scored inside and Ryan Mauer (11 points) scored off a steal to put the Owls ahead 72-68.

There were some hairy moments in the last couple of minutes, but the Owls held on.

"We've had a lot of close battles with them, but it's nice to pull another one out," Jaehnig said. "We had a couple of kids come off the bench and play well. The whole team just pulled together in the end."

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14-2 as six players scored in double figures.

Fletcher Walters led Amherst with 16, while Steve Wheeler scored 16, and Andrew Olson had 14.

UMass-Lowell 54, AIC 47: The Yellow Jackets lost their fourth straight game as Mike Gore led the River Hawks with 20 points.

American International College (7-11, 4-9 Northeast 10) was led by Aikeem Vanderhorst with 14 points.

STCC 82, Gateway CC 60: Rick Johnson led four players in double figures with 26 points as Springfield Technical Community College improved to 16-4.

Vilenti Tulloch scored 11, while Edgar Martinez and Scott Taylor had 10 apiece for STCC.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UMass 91, Yale 57: The Minutewomen tied their high point total at the Mullins Center in a rout of Yale.

Pam Rosanio scored a game-high 23, and Stefanie Gerardot added 18 for the University of Massachusetts (9-9). Kate Mills added 17 points and led all players with seven assists.

Lindsey Williams led Yale (3-11) with 13 points.

AIC 57, UMass-Lowell 46: Alexis Castro scored a game-high 25 points as the Yellow Jackets won at Butova Gym.

Castro made 8 of 12 field goals and 7 of 9 free throws for AIC (11-6, 8-5 NE-10).

The River Hawks (9-9, 4-9) were led by Liron Asher with 12 points.

Salem St. 71, Westfield St. 52: The Owls turned the ball over 30 times in falling to 0-3 in the MASCAC.

Andrea Wasuk scored 16 and had eight rebounds to lead the Owls (5-10).

Lindsey Watkins scored a game-high 18 for Salem (11-3, 2-0).

STCC 49, Gateway CC 28: Kim Ewing's 23 points helped

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aehnig's 32 points power Westfield State over Salem State

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ESTFIELD – Junior guard Dave Jaehnig ncy) poured in a career-high 32 points to er Westfield State to a 77-74 comeback ory over Salem State in an early-season s. State Conference showdown.

estfield is 12-4 overall and 2-1 in the conce; Salem is 10-4 and 1-1.

ie Owls rallied from 10-point second-half it for the big home victory. Westfield ed 51-41 with 12:56 remaining, but ored Salem 20-7 over the next five min- to take a 61-58 lead. Jaehnig tied the e at 58-58 with a beautiful baseline er, and gave the Owls the lead for good with a sensational reverse layup.

While the 6-4 Jaehnig was nearly unstoppable, the Owls received big 3-point baskets from point guard Chris Kinback (Shrewsbury), and reserves Brandon Mauer (Pittsfield) and Chris Jurkowski (Belchertown) during the 20-7 scoring spree.

Westfield led 76-70 after Kinback canned two free throws with 1:23 left. Salem cut the lead to two, 76-74, with 1:05 remaining following a pair of free throws by Jeremi Tate and Marquis Victor layup after he swiped the ball from Jaehnig.

Westfield and Salem both missed a pair of shots in the paint in the frantic final seconds. The Owls' Matt Badjo grabbed a rebound following Salem's second miss and he was fouled with 4.4 seconds remaining.

Badjo made the second of two free throws to give Westfield a 77-74 lead. Salem was unable to get off a 3-pointer to send the game into overtime as Alex Finn turned over the ball on the far left wing while being heavily guarded by Jaehnig.

Salem led 37-30 at halftime as it snapped a 25-all tie with a 7-0 run.

Ryan Mauer was Westfield's only other player in double figures with 11 points. Brandon Mauer and Drew Pereira both scored eight points and Badjo finished with six points and 10 rebounds. Kinback contributed seven points, six assists and four steals.

Rawleigh Preaster, a 6-6 senior forward, led the Vikings with 20 points and 10 rebounds, while 6-7 junior center Dylan Holmes had 16 points and 10 rebounds. Victor scored 16 points.

In a key statistic, Westfield was 5 for 9 form 3-point range, Salem was 5 for 17.

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Westfield State rolls over Bridgewater State

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BRIDGEWATER – Junior forward Matt Badjo (Worcester, MA) notched a double-double with 17 points and 13 rebounds as Westfield State rolled to a 59-48 win over Bridgewater State College at the Tinsley Center on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

The Owls improve to 14-6 with the win and 4-3 in the MASCAC while the Bears, losers of four out of their last five games, fall to 9-10 and 3-4 in league play.

For Westfield State, junior guard Dave Jaehnig (Quincy, MA) registered 16 points and 9 rebounds, while senior guard Ryan Mauer (Pittsfield, MA) scored a game-high 18 points on 6-for-13 shooting and 5-for-6 from the free throw line. Badjo scored13 of his 17 points in the second half, while Mauer added 10 points and Jaehnig chipped in with eight.

Senior Tom Cuddihy (Scituate, MA) led BSC with a team-high 16 points while sophomore center Jim Torney (Braintree, MA) added 10 points and 9 rebounds. Junior forward Roland Millien (Stoughton, MA) finished the game with 9 points and 6 rebounds before fouling out.

The Owls jumped out to a 16-4 lead with just under 11 minutes to play in the first half and led 22-8 with 6:46 remaining. Bridgewater State closed the gap with a 9-0 run over the next 2 1/2 minutes to pull to within five points (22-17). The Bears, however, would not score over the next four minutes and trailed by nine points before a Cuddihy three-pointer in the waning seconds of the opening stanza made the score 26-20 as the teams headed to the locker room.

After the intermission, Westfield State brought the lead back up to 38-27 with 14:17 left in the game, but Bridgewater State trimmed the margin and keep the score a six to eight point game. At the 7:07 mark, the Bears went on an 8-2 run to bring the score to within two at 50-48, but the Owls closed the game out by scoring the last nine points.

The Owls held a 43-29 rebounding margin and they shot an impressive 42 percent (24-for-57) from the field in the game. Bridgewater shot just 30 percent (16-for-53) from the floor, but did force 21 Westfield turnovers.

Both teams will continue MASCAC play Saturday with 3 p.m. games. Bridgewater State travels to Framingham State while Westfield hosts Worcester State.

Women's basketball
Bridgewater State 58, Westfield State 47

BRIDGEWATER, Mass. - Senior forward Colleen Feeney (Providence, RI) scored 27 points and pulled down 19 rebounds to lead the Bridgewater State College Bears to a 58-47 victory over Westfield State Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the Tinsley Center.

With the win BSC improves to 15-4 on the season and 6-1 in the MASCAC. Westfield slips to 8-12 overall and 2-5 in conference play.

Feeney, who leads the MASCAC in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots, connected on 10 of 19 field

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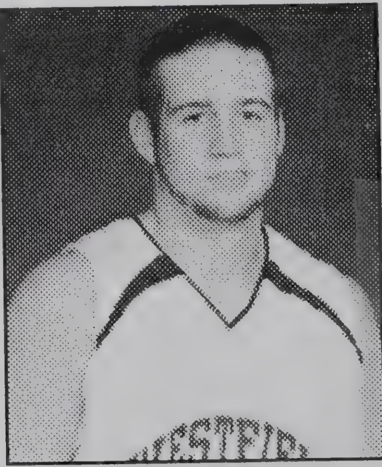

Sophomore forward Matt Badjo scored 17 points and grabbed 13 rebounds in the Owls big victory at Bridgewater. (Submitted photo)

Bridgewater State clips Westfield State

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WESTFIELD – Junior forward Roland Millien (Stoughton) scored 25 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to power Bridgewater State to an 83-74 victory over Westfield State in a Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) opener.

Owl junior Dave Jaehnig led Westfield State with 25 points.

The Bears are 6-6 overall. Westfield is 10-4 and had its eight-game winning streak halted.

Westfield led 18-10 with 9:45 remaining in the first half before Bridgewater starting controlling the inside and outside play. Th Bears went on a 17-4 run to take 27-22 lead, but Westfield rallied t tie the score at the intermission, 29 29.

Bridgewater went on another ru at the start of the second hal outscoring the Owls 14-2 for a 4 31 advantage at the 16:34 mark.

Bridgewater's biggest secon half lead was 18 points, 64-46, wi 6:40 remaining. Westfield cut t lead to 10 with 2:46 remaining, b Bridgewater quickly went back top by 13 when Judah Jacks drained a 3-point basket. Jackson freshman guard from Everett, w the Bears' only other player in d ble figures with 19 points.

Millien was 13-for-15 from foul line, and had 17 points and n

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rebounds in a dominating second-half performance.

Junior guard Dave Jaehnig (Quincy) led Westfield with game highs in five categories: 25 points, nine rebounds, six assists, two blocks and three steals. Sophomore forward Drew Pereira (Seekonk) scored 12 points.

Women's basketball
Bridgewater State 80, Westfield State 57

Colleen Feeney (Providence, RI) had game highs of 27 points and 14 rebounds to power Bridgewater State to an 80-57 victory over Westfield State in a Massachusetts State Athletics Conference (MASCAC) opener.

The Bears are 9-3 overall while Westfield drops to 5-8.

Junior Andrea Wasuk (Lenox) led Westfield with 13 points and eight rebounds. Junior guard Lauren

2-27-08

Owls oust Lancers in opening round

WESTFIELD – Five players scored in double figures, led by brothers Brandon (16 points) and Ryan Mauer (14 points) of Pittsfield, to propel Westfield State to a 69-59 victory over Worcester State in a first round Mass. State Conference (MASCAC) postseason tournament game on Tuesday, Feb. 26.

The No. 3 seed Owls, 18-8 overall, will play a semifinal game at No. 2 seed Fitchburg State on Thursday at 7:00. In the other semifinal, No. 1 seed Salem State hosts No. 5 seed Bridgewater State, which won at Framingham State, 74-65, in Tuesday's other first round game.

Westfield State defeated Worcester State for the third time this season on stellar efforts from 3-point range and the foul line.

It was raining threes for most of the game as both teams shot an identical 8-for-15 from beyond the arc. At the foul line, however, Westfield was 17-for-24, including a 16-for-23 effort in the second half. Worcester finished 9-for-10 from the charity stripe.

In addition, Westfield only attempted 41 field goals but made 22 of them, shooting 54 percent. Worcester shot 36 percent (21-for-58) from the field.

"Worcester will always come here and try to throw the kitchen sink at you, but we practiced for their zone defenses and anticipated them," said Westfield State head coach Rich Sutter.

Westfield also received outstanding play from its bench as two other reserves scored in double figures along with Brandon Mauer. Sophomore forward Joe Dicruttalo (Franklin) scored 13 points and athletic freshman guard Vinny Baker (Springfield/Commerce) tallied 10.

Westfield junior guard Dave Jaehnig (Quincy) had 11 points and a game-high eight rebounds despite seeing limited action because of foul trouble.

"We got a great effort from our bench tonight," said Sutter. "Vinny, Joe and Brandon were all ready to go."

"When I got into the game I just let it come to me," said Baker. "If (senior) Ryan Mauer loses it's his last game and I didn't want that."

The teams traded buckets in the first half, as the score was tied seven

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Ryan Mauer battles for a loose ball. (Courtesy of Westfield State College, Photo by David Harris-Fried)

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times. Westfield took a 28-26 halftime lead on a last-second layup by Brandon Mauer, who led the 3-point shooting barrage by going 4-for-8 from beyond the arc.

The game was tied for the 11th time at 43-all when the Owls begin to take control as Worcester State was saddled with foul troubles.

Baker and Brandon Mauer hit back-to-back treys for a 49-43 advantage. Westfield began its march to the foul line and took a 12-point lead, 59-47, at the 7:06 mark. The closest Worcester State got was an eight-point deficit in the final seven minutes.

Worcester State also had balanced scoring with three players in double figures: Will Spont (13), Elijah Sims (11) and Brandon Fortes (11). Ryan Frassica scored nine points and Josh Barry (Sheffield, Mass.) added eight points and a team-high seven rebounds.

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Owls make splash against St. Joseph

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WESTFIELD - The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team improved its record to 6-2 with a 142-103 victory over Saint Joseph College, Conn., on Thursday, Jan. 31.

Senior Lindsay Hryniewich was a double winner for the Owls, placing first in the 100 backstroke and the 200 yard individual medley. She also finished second in the 100 butterfly.

Also finishing first were: Tiffany Moreno (200 freestyle), Lindsey Malboeuf (50 backstroke), Chelsey Georgoulis (50 breaststroke), Cairsten Beanland (500 freestyle), and the 200 individual medley relay of Malboeuf, Lauren Pellegrine, Chrissy Lovejoy, and Jen Butler.

Anne Weeks and Sarah Wheeler were double winners for Saint Joseph.

Westfield State's final home meet is this Saturday, Feb. 2, vs. Western Connecticut State University. The Senior Day ceremonies will begin just before 1:00 p.m.

Men's basketball
Framinham State 76, Westfield State 53

Framingham, MA – Sophomore guard Bill Carey (Abington, MA) connected on 7 of 10 from behind the arc and finished with a game high 24 points to lift the host Framingham State Rams to a 76-53 Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC) win over the visiting Owls of Westfield State. With the win, the Rams improve to 8-11 overall and 3-3 in conference, while the Owls move to 12-6 overall and 2-3 in conference.

The Rams opened up a 43-29 lead at the half as they were on fire connecting on 50% of their shots from the field (15 of 30) including am impressive 67 percent (6 of 9) from behind the arc. The Owls struggled from the floor in the opening half as they only shot 32% from the field and were just 1 of 9 from long range. Carey scored 20 of his 24 points in the first half as he was 7 of 9 from the floor and 6 of 7 from long range in the first twenty minutes.

Despite committing 15 turnovers in the second half, the Rams were able to extend their lead to as many as 23 in the final frame as they connected on 14 of 22 free throws in the second half and continued to shoot well from the floor.

Senior captains Michael Costa (Holbrook, MA) and rob Scarpato (Hopkinton, MA) added 11 points apiece for the Rams. Costa also added 5 assists and 4 steals, while Scarpato grabbed a game high 15 rebounds.

The Owls were led by juniors Dave Jaehnig (Quincy, MA) and Adam Morley (Lakeville, MA) who had 11 points apiece.

The Rams return to action next Tuesday as they travel to MCLA for a 7:30 game, while the Owls host MCLA on Saturday at 3:00.

Women's basketball
Westfield State 53, Framingham State 50

Framingham, MA – Behind 19 points from junior guard Katie Sylvain (Hadley, MA) the Westfield State College women's basketball team rallied from an eleven point half time deficit to defeat the host Framingham State Rams 53-50 at Framingham's Athletic & Recreation Center. Coming into the game both teams were winless in conference play and with the win the Owls move to 7-11 overall and 1-4 in the MASCAC, while the Rams fall to 4-11 overall and 0-6 in the MASCAC.

The Rams opened up an eleven point lead at the half as they were on fire from the floor connecting on 11 of 26 shots (42%) including 2 of 4 from behind the arc, while the Owls only shot 30 percent from the floor in the opening half and were only 1 of 9 from behind the arc. Sophomore Toya Chester (Leominster, MA), who finished the night with her first double double of the season (13 points & 13 rebounds) led the Rams with 12 first half points.

The Owls took their first lead of the second half, 39-37, with 10:07 remaining in the game on a foul line jumper by junior guard Lauren Sylvain (Hadley, MA), who finished the game with 9 points all in the second half. The Rams took the lead back at 41-37 on a three pointer by junior Allie Hart (Somerset, MA) and a foul line jumper from senior center Christina Bordini (Chelmsford, MA).

The Owls responded with a 10-2 run of their own to take a 47-43 lead with 3:30 remaining.

The Rams had one last 6-0 run in them as Hart drained another three and made a layup on a tough drive to hoop to give the Rams a 49-47 lead with 1:50 remaining.

Katie Sylvain sank two free throws and a layup to give the Owls the lead for good at 51-49 with 57 seconds remaining.

The Rams sank one of two free throws on their next possession and that was as close as they would get as junior forward Andrea Wasuk (Lenox, MA) hit two of two from the line to give the Owls a three point lead with ten seconds remaining.

The Owls held on for the win as the Rams final shot rattled out.

Hart finished the game with a team and season high 14 points on 3 of 5 from behind the arc, while Bordini finished with 8 points and 7 boards.

Both teams return to action on Saturday as the Rams travel to Lesley for a 7:00 game, while the Owls host MCLA at 1:00 p.m.

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Fastbreak offense ignites Westfield State

WESTFIELD – Senior guard Ryan Mauer (Pittsfield) scored a game-high 26 points, and Westfield State erupted for 54 second-half points to defeat Framingham State, 91-69 on Thursday.

Westfield improved to 17-7 overall and 7-4 in the Mass. State Conference. Framingham is 12-13 and 7-5.

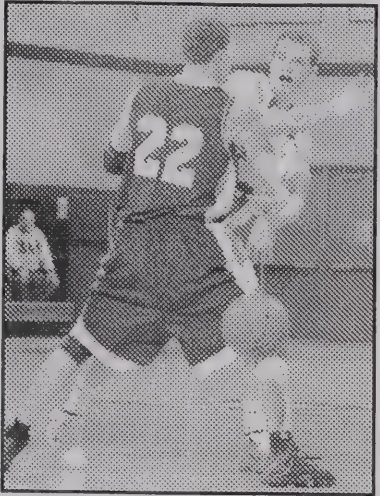
The Owls trailed 38-37 at halftime then put on an outstanding display of fastbreak basketball in the second half when they outscored the Rams, 54-31.

"With our fastbreak we were able to get the ball down the court quickly," said Westfield coach Rich Sutter. "It seemed to be working and we stuck with it, and it really kick started us to where we could break open the game. But the key to the game was our overall defensive intensity."

Framingham led for the entire first half and its biggest lead was nine points, 29-20. The score was tied at 53-all with 12:06 remaining when the Owls began their showtime.

Westfield outscored Framingham, 38-16, in the game's final 11 minutes, igniting the crowd with no-look passes, baseball passes, and dazzling drives.

"We played good defense and got out running," said Westfield senior guard Andrew Deffer, who, along with Ryan Mauer, was playing in his final regular season home game. "Everyone was playing unselfishly and we got a lot of layups."



Westfield State's Dave Jaehnig makes the wrap-around pass as a Framingham defender moves in. (Submitted photo)

Drew Pereira finished with 14 points and a team-high seven boards for the Owls, who scored 56 percent from the field and scored a staggering 60 points in the paint. Dave Jaehnig (Quincy) had 11 points, eight assists and five rebounds, and reserve forward Joe DiCruttalo tallied 11 points.

The Owls were 20-for-26 from the foul line, led by Mauer's perfect 10-for-10 effort.

Freshman guard Royce Veal led Framingham with 16 points and Josue Almodovar of Holyoke scored 14 points.

Women's basketball
Westfield State 59, Framingham State 39

WESTFIELD –Junior forward Andrea Wasuk (Lenox) scored a game-high 18 points to lead Westfield State to a 59-39 victory over Framingham State on Thursday.

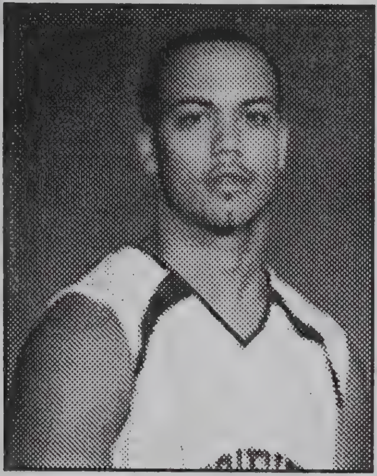
The Owls improved to 9-15 overall and 3-8 in the conference. Framingham finishes its season 5-18 and 0-12.

Westfield held a 29-21 halftime edge led by 10 points from Wasuk. The Owls still led by eight, 40-32, with 8:59 remaining, then went on a 17-3 run to ice the home victory.

Wasuk was the only player in double figures for the Owls. Freshman Cassey Jouannet (Conway/Frontier Regional) had nine points and nine rebounds, and senior Betty Dely (Waltham), playing in her final home game, contributing eight points and six rebounds. Junior guard Katie Sylvain (Hadley) finished with six points, six rebounds and five steals.

Senior center Christina Bordini (Chelmsford) led Framingham with 13 points and eight rebounds. Sophomore Toya Chester (Leominster/Ayer) had nine points and a game-high 12 boards.

Westfield shot 42 percent from the field while limiting Framingham to 26 percent.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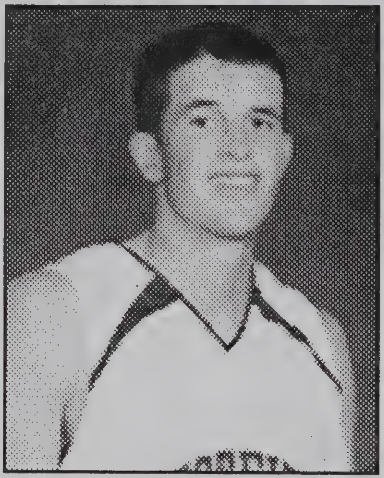
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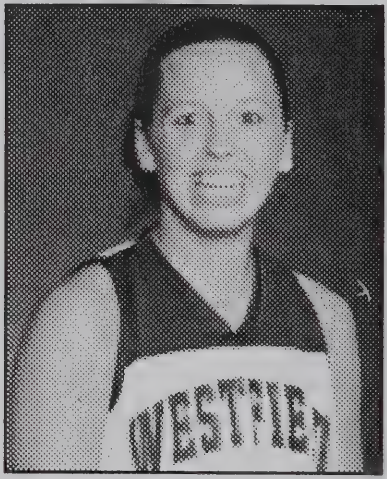
ANDREA WASUK

Owls make all-conference team

WESTFIELD – Westfield State junior guard Dave Jaehnig (Quincy) and senior guard Ryan Mauer (Pittsfield) were selected to the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) all-conference team.

Jaehnig was a first-team selection

game. Mauer led the team in scoring, averaging 15.8 points per game, and was second in steals.

Jaehnig has 894 career points heading into his senior season. Mauer finished his two years at Westfield State with 743 points. He transferred to Westfield from Sage College of Albany, N.Y.

conference. Wasuk led the Owls in scoring, rebounding and steals. She averaged 13.9 points and 6.1 rebounds per game. She scored 376 points this season and has 968 career points heading into her senior season.

Wasuk was a second-team all-conference selection during her

Owls stun No. 2 Fitchburg, advance to MASCAC title game

FITCHBURG - A 20-0 scoring surge at the start of the second half lifted Westfield State to a stunning 65-46 victory over Fitchburg State in the Mass. State Conference tournament semifinals.

Westfield advances to the championship game where it will face rival Salem State on Saturday in the Witch City. Salem is the tournament's No. 1 seed, but the No. 3 seed Owls defeated the Vikings twice during the regular season, including an overtime victory in Salem two weeks ago. In Thursday's other semifinal game, Salem routed Bridgewater State, 81-49.

In front of a large and vocal crowd in the Fitchburg field house, the No. 2 seed Falcons went on an 11-0 run late in the first half to take a 30-29 lead at the intermission.

Fitchburg led 32-31 early in the second half when the Owls ignited their all-out blitzkrieg on both ends of the floor. Westfield's 20-0 run silenced the Falcon fanatics as the Owls took a commanding 51-32 lead with 10 minutes remaining. Westfeld led 58-35 after Fitchburg made only its second field goal of the second half with 5:30 remaining.

"Our kids are very competitive and when the play hard anything can go our way," said Westfield head coach Rich Sutter. "Fitchburg is a great team; they beat us twice during the season. But we just played hard tonight both offensively and defensively."

Westfield had another balanced scoring attack, led by brothers Ryan (16 points) and Brandon (15) Mauer. The Owls also took the ball inside as forwards Drew Pereira and Matt Badjo scored 12 and 10 points, respectively. Pereira also grabbed a team-high 12 rebounds.

Fitchburg was outscored 36-16 in the second half and only shot 20 percent from the field.

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Lady Jeffs, Owls on fire

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Women's basketball

Conjugate the verb shoot.

Katie and Lauren Sylvain shoot, Jen Dabrowski shoots and Jaclyn Daignault almost didn't miss a shot.

Yes, the shooters ruled yesterday as host Amherst College and Westfield State College won on the second day of the Pioneer Valley Classic at LeFrak Gym in Amherst.

Amherst 80, Springfield 70: Daignault led a quintet of Amherst scorers in double figures as the Lady Jeffs ran their record to 6-0.

In 18 minutes, Daignault, a 5-foot-11 freshman whose transition from high school ball to college is including a move from the post to a guard/forward position, went 6 for 6 from the floor and 2 for 3 from the foul line for 15 points.

Daignault scored her first 10 points in a three-minute strech in the first half when she was the only Amherst player to score. The last of those five buckets gave the Jeffs their biggest lead, 31-16.

Then, after Springfield had rallied, fallen behind and rallied again, ad infinitum, she nailed a 3-pointer with 1:50 left in the game that gave Amherst a 76-68 lead and effectively ended the Pride's chances.

"I give Springfield a lot of credit," Amherst coach G.P. Gromacki said. "Every time it look like we'd pulled away, they came back. But I also have to give our team credit for not folding.

"Daignault hasn't played like a freshman," he said. "She's played with a lot of poise and character. She's a confident player."

Yesterday's performance, which landed Daignault a spot on the all-tournament team along with teammate – Classic MVP Samantha Swenson – Dabrowski, Lauren Sylvain, Springfield's Tara McCarthy and Corey Finch, couldn't have done anything but help that confidence.

"I can't say I'm a shooter," Daignault said. "My game was completely inside when I was in high school – I never shot from the outside – and I worked on my shooting over the summer, so I guess you could say that I'm becoming a shooter."

Yasmine Harik had 12 points, Shaina Pollack and Stefanie Pollack 11 each, and Swensen 10 for Amherst. Pollack also had nine assists.

Finch had 20 points and 11 rebounds, Rachelle Walker 14 points, McCarthy 13 and Chritstine Cotter 12 for 3-3 SC.

Westfield 76, WNEC 73: Twins Lauren and Katie Sylvain, the former Hopkins Academy stars, combined for 38 points and Andrea Wasuk had 19 points and 14 rebounds as the Owls rallied from a seven-point halftime deficit and evened their record at 3-3.

The Sylvains' games – 23 points by Lauren and 15 by Katie – were needed just to offset a 34-point effort by Dabrowski.

In racking up her 23, Lauren hit seven 3s in 12 tries and was 2 of 2 at the foul line.

Katie hit a little jumper from the baseline with 29 seconds left in the game that gave the Owls the lead, and two free throws with 10 seconds left.

"Katie's coming off a year when she was out with an injury, and we're just seeing a scratch of the surface of what she can do," Westfield coach Andrea Bertini said.

"We were more intense the second half," said Katie Sylvain, who saw to that with fist-pumping displays of enthusiasm. "I'm usually animated. I like to show my emotions, and maybe get my teammates pumped up. Remember, seven points is nothing; it's three possessions."

"Dabrowski's a great, great player, in my opinion the most talented scorer in New England. She was going to get her points, all we could do was try to limit her touches," Bertini said.

UMass 72, Hartford 60: Kate Mills scored 18 points, grabbed a career-high 14 rebounds and had six assists as the host Minutewomen put an end to the Hawks' six-game winning streak.

Pam Rosario scored 22 points to lead all scorers for UMass (3-4).

AIC 59, Merrimack 49: Alexis Castro scored 18 points, Jen Nnanna blocked a season-high nine shots, Jennette Johnathan scored 14 points, and Agawam native Stacy Boisvert added eight points and four rebounds for visiting AIC (3-2, 2-2 Northeast-10).

Roger Williams 69, Mount Holyoke 64: Jess Olson still has a hot hand, but her 19-points and 17-rebounds – coming on the heels of a 24-point, 21-rebound game against RPI – were not enough to lead the 1-5 Lyons to victory.

Conn. College 55, Smith 42: Laura Miller had 11 points and 10 rebounds, Lisa Marie Vuono added 11 points, and Berit Schelde had 10 for visiting Smith (1-4).

Riviere 106, Bay Path 57: Chrissy Ordyna scored 17 points and grabbed nine rebounds, and Laila Faklenberg had 10 points as the Wildcats fell to 1-4.

Essex CC 72, STCC 59: Glenda Perez scored 21 points, Kim Ewing 14 and Jazmine Davis 11, but the host Rams lost their sixth game in as many starts.

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College defeated Framingham State College, 71-49. Earning All-Tournament Team honors was Christina Bordini (Framingham), Andrea Wasuk (Westfield), Stephanie Morrissey (Suffolk), and Samia Mahjub (MIT). Meghan Tracey of Suffolk was selected as the Tournament MVP.

Westfield, which jumped out to a 41-26 halftime lead, took advantage of 26 Framingham turnovers. The Owls outscored the Rams, 24-5, in points off turnovers.

Bordini recorded the opening basket for Framingham State, but Westfield State (1-1) countered with 11 consecutive points to take the lead for good. The Rams (0-2) stayed within striking distance for most of the frame, as a three-pointer by Meghan Czarnecki brought them within seven (32-25) with 4:09 left. The Owls responded with a 7-1 run to close the half with its 41-26 advantage.

Framingham State tallied five straight points to start the second half, trailing 41-31 at the 16:38 mark. Westfield stopped the run by posting 12 points while the Rams were held scoreless during a span of six minutes. Bordini's jumper at the midway point of the period ended the Rams' drought, but it would not be enough as the scoring was very balanced during the remainder of the game.

Wasuk led the way for Westfield, finishing with 18 points, eight rebounds, two steals, and one block. Lauren Sylvain notched 15 points as Betty Dely picked up 10 points and six rebounds. Peggy Steuerwald distributed a game-high four assists.

Bordini registered her first double-double of the season on 14

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points and 13 rebounds while Czarnecki and Kate Simonelli each added seven points. Jill Johnson bolstered the rebounding corps with seven caroms as Taryn DiFilippo and Nicole McConaghy each earned two assists.

All 15 players saw action for Westfield, with 11 denting the scoring column.

Smith College bests Westfield

WESTFIELD - Senior Marly Pineda won three events to lead Smith College to a 157-137 victory over Westfield State in women's swimming and diving action Nov. 17.

Smith upped its record to 3-1, while it was the first setback for 2-1 Westfield State.

Pineda hit the wall first in the 1,000 freestyle, 200 butterfly, and 500 freestyle. She also was a member of the winning 400 freestyle relay - the meet's final event - that clinched the victory for the visitors.

Two freshmen were double winners for Smith. Lily Siedman finished first in the 200 freestyle and 200 backstroke, and Reyna Levine took the 100 and 200 breaststrokes. Also, senior Shanti Freitas won both diving events.

Placing first for the Owls were: sophomore Lindsey Malboeuf (100 backstroke), freshman Tiffany Moreno (100 freestyle), and senior Lindsay Hryniewich (200 individual medley). Hryniewich finished second in the 200 freestyle and the 200 backstroke, while Moreno was second in the 50 freestyle.

The Owls are idle until Wednesday, Nov. 28, when they host Western New England.

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WESTFIELD: Like SC and Mount Holyoke, the emphasis in on youth at Westfield College, which has only one senior, guard Betty Dely, on a roster that includes five freshmen and five sophomores.

Lenox native Andrea Wasuk is back for her junior year after leading the Owls with 14 points and 7.7 rebounds per game last season. Thus far, she's been joined in the starting lineup by classmate Katie Sylvain from Hopkins Academy, sophomores Krista Corriveau and Sarah Boudreau and center Cassy Jouannet from Frontier Regional. 11-24-07

But starting hasn't meant that much. Third-year Owls coach Andrea Bertini has spread the time wealth, and 10 players are averaging 12 or more minutes per game; two others eight and nine respectively.

Junior Lauren Sylvain (Hopkins) is averaging 11.3 points coming off the bench for the Owls, who are off to a [illegible] following a 10-16 sea-

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SECOND TEAM FOR FIELDING: Westfield State junior linebacker Jay Fielding named to d3football.com 2007 All-East Region second team. This region includes New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Fielding leads the nation in tackles per game with a 15.7 average.

OWL ATHLETES HONORED: Westfield State College recently honored its fall athletes at a banquet.

In field hockey, Ali Rheaume was named Outstanding Contributor, and the Most Valuable Player went to Megan Wolski.

Jacqui Turner received the Shanna Litterst Inspiration Award.

In women's soccer, Alisha Long got the Justine Crocker Inspiration Award, and Wilbraham's Kate MacLellan (Offensive Player of the Year) and Alicia Chandler (Defensive Player of the Year) were also honored.

In football, South Hadley's Brian Roach earned the Outstanding Contributor Award, the 12th Player Award went to Garrett Kendziera, the Lineman of the Year was presented to Belchertown's Geoff Farrington and Fielding was named Defensive Player of the Year.

Scott McIntyre was presented the Offensive Player of the Year award.

In men's cross country, Westfield's Andy Messer was named Outstanding Contributor, John Connolly was named Most Improved, and the James Earley Inspiration Award went to Phil Gingras.

In women's cross country, the Outstanding Contributor was Marianne Mealey, Selina Welles earned Most Improved honors and the Earley Inspiration Award went to Ally Brown.

In men's soccer, Easthampton's Mark Tiffany was named Most Valuable Player, and Chris Spicer was named Outstanding Contributor.

In women's volleyball, the Outstanding Contributor went to Krista Grifoni, Belchertown's Elissa Genereux and Morgan Hosking.

2007-2008

Vestfield bounces back

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By JEFF THOMAS
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Local colleges

he Westfield State College women's ketball team bounced back from a nal first half to defeat Daniel Web- 74-71 last night at Nashua, N.H.

he Owls rallied from 15-points down he second half to snap a five-game ie.

Katie Sylvain (Hadley) scored 15 of game-high 22 points in the second f for Westfield State (6-11), which ot 52 percent from the floor in the sec- d half after making just 22.5 percent he first half.

Andrea Wasuk added 18 points and rebounds and Krista Corriveau ded 13 points.

Perimeter shooting played a role in e second-half rally. After making just of 16 3-pointers in the first 20 minutes, e Owls hit 6 of 11 in the second half.

Daniel Webster (9-8) was led by Erin oseley with 22 points.

Amherst 64, WNEC 42: The Lord Jeffs nproved to 18-1 with a home win over e Golden Bears.

Shaina Pollack led Amherst with 13 oints, while Sarah Leyman had 12 and asmine Harik scored eight points with 0 rebounds.

Western New England (9-8) was led y Lauren Stock with 10 points.

HCC 71, Quinsigamond CC 53: Four play- rs reached double figures as Holyoke Community College won at home.

Tara Henson scored 18 and Tomi La- ond had 15 for the Cougars (12-6). Meg Baker added 12 and Erin Russell 10 for HCC, which is in first place in the Mas- sachusetts Community College Athletic Conference.

Dean 74, STCC 53: Kim Ewing scored a game-high 25 points and Jasmine Davis added 17 but it wasn't enough for Springfield Community College to avoid falling to 4-14.

MEN

Tufts 97, WNEC 89: A 13-point second-half lead wasn't enough for the Golden Bears, who fell to the Jumbos at Medford.

Western New England (9-8) led 50-42 at halftime and 67-54 with 14 minutes remaining, but Tufts (10-7) went on a 23-9 run to take the lead.

Ryan Hernandez led WNEC with 21 points, Jim Bayne and Kyle Fredette had 16 apiece and Chris DeVine scored 14.

Tufts was led by Jon Pierce with a game-high 28.

STCC 82, Dean 81: Scott Taylor knocked down the winning shot in overtime with four seconds left as Springfield Technical Community College improved to 19-4.

Edgar Martinez led STCC with 20 points, 10 rebounds and six blocked shots, Bobby Hopkins had 18 and Mike Baker 12.

VOLLEYBALL

Elms 3, Emmanuel 2: Freshman Alberto Bravo had a match-high 28 kills as the Blazers won 22-30, 30-26, 20-30, 30-26, 15-12.

Ivan Andujar had a match-high 59 assists and Carlos DeLeon-Gomez had 20 kills for Elms (2-3).

Bryant looks to local stars

1-11-08

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College notebook

Lynne-Anne Kokoski of Hatfield, The Republican's 2004 Female High School Athlete of the Year, has been a rock for the Bryant University basketball team, and recently recorded the first triple-double of her college career.

Kokoski, a four-time All-Scholastic pick and Smith Academy's all-time leading scorer, netted 13 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds in a 67-57 victory over Bridgeport.

The 5-4 guard, who is averaging 5.7 assists per game and has a team-high 26 steals, is playing with a pair of sophomores who are very familiar to area girls basketball fans.

Former Quaboag Regional star Kelsey O'Keefe, a sophomore, leads the 11-3 Bulldogs with a 16.5 scoring average and 7.6 rebounds per game, while Jamie Campbell of Springfield, who played her high school ball at Minnechaug Regional, is averaging 5.8 points and 3.3 rebounds coming off the bench.

BARKER CITED: Liz Barker, one-time Cathedral High School cager from Suffield, was recently named Forward of the Week by the Liberty League.

Barker averaged a double-double in a pair of games for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in the South Padre Island Shootout. But, that's really nothing extraordinary for the junior, who leads RPI in both scoring (12.4 points per game) and rebounding (12.7) despite averaging the fifth most minutes per game (24.2) for the Red.

Barker's best game of the season actually came before the break, when she scored 12 points and pulled down 21 rebounds in a 56-44 victory over Mt. Holyoke.

The 6-footer, a two-time All-Scholastic choice while at Cathedral, has now won the Liberty League honor three times in six weeks – the Red did not play one of the weeks – and leads the circuit in rebounding.

MISCELLANY: Westfield State standout junior linebacker Jay Fielding, the national Division III leader in tackles per game (15.7), has been named to the 2007 Division III Northeast Football All Star Team. . . . The Owls also announced this week that former Central Connecticut State University coach Greg Styles has been picked to be the head coach of the women's lacrosse team. . . . Amherst senior forward Stefanie Reiff averaged 17 points per game in the Lady Jeffs' trip to the Florida Sunshine Shootout to earn a spot on the all-tournament team.

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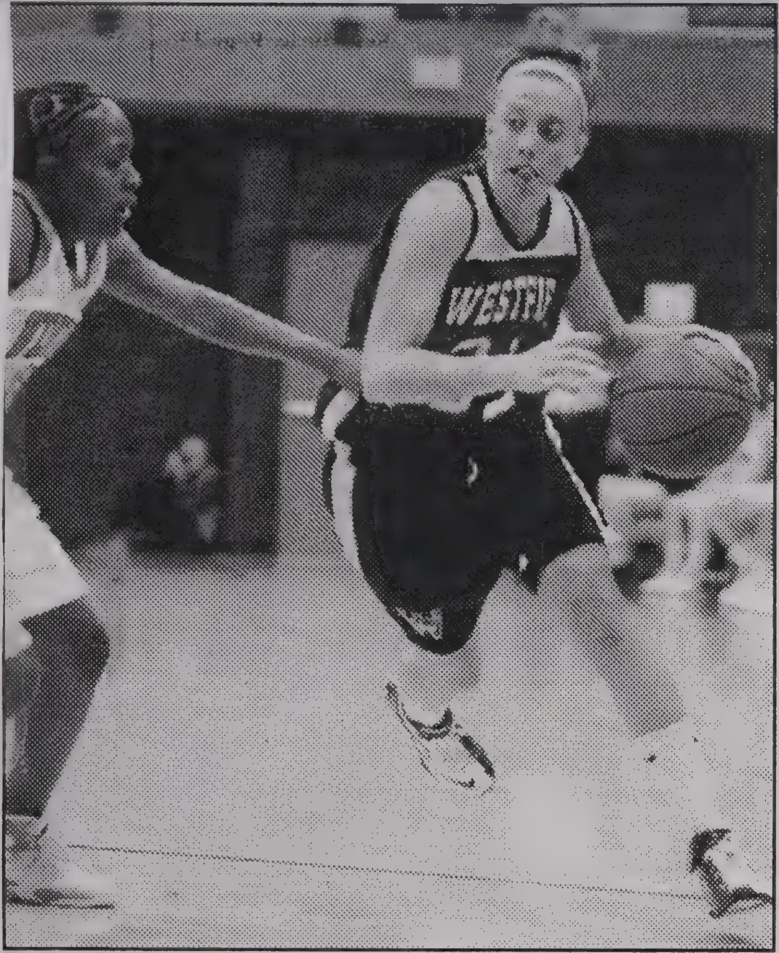
Westfield State women win in upset



Westfield sophomore point guard Sarah Boudreau dribbles around a defender. (Photo courtesy of Westfield State College)

WORCESTER – The fourth seeded Worcester State women's basketball team fell in the opening round of the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference playoffs, 62-59, to fifth seed Westfield State Tuesday evening in Lancer Gymnasium.

Sparking the Owls to the big road victory were junior guard Katie Sylvain (Hadley) who posted game highs of 21 points and 11 rebounds. Junior forward Andrea Wasuk (Lenox) poured in 19 points.

The Lancers conclude their season with an 8-17 record, while Westfield State improves to 11-15. Westfield State, will now travel to Bridgewater State on Friday evening to take on the top seeded Bears in the semifinals..

Westfield State got off to an eight-point half-time lead, 28-20, as it hit five three pointers in the half.

Katie Sylvain and her twin sister, Lauren. each hit a pair of threes to lead the Owls. Katie Sylvain finished the half with 8 points. Wasuk also had 8 first half points.

The Owls shot 41.7 percent from the field in the half. Worcester State struggled shooting just 24.1 percent from the floor in the half. Brianne Flanders (Southampton, MA), Erin McCullough (Harvard, MA) and Natasha Dallas (Roxbury, MA) each scored 4 points for the Lancers.

In the second half, Worcester State trailed by 10 points with 5:18 remaining before making a

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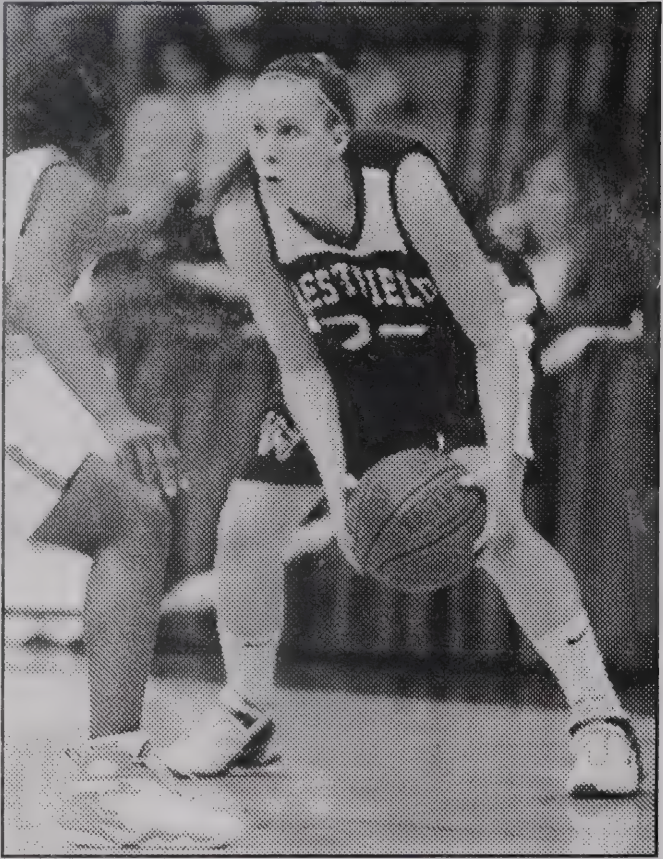

Junior guard Katie Sylvain had game highs of 21 points, 11 rebounds and four assists to power the Owls. (Photo courtesy of Westfield State College)

2007-2008

Owls drop title to Vikings

SALEM – Senior guard Marquis Victor scored a game-high 21 points and senior forward Jeremy Taitt had 20 points and 10 rebounds to lead Salem State to an 82-62 victory over Westfield State in the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) tournament championship game.

The perennial power Vikings, 21-6, earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament with the resounding victory that was keyed by a full-court press trapping defense. Westfield finished its season 19-9 and posted the second most victories in school history.

Westfield, the No. 3 seed, defeated No. 1 seed Salem twice (77-74, 83-82) twice during the regular season. But the Owls were no match for the Vikings in the championship game on their homecourt.

Salem forced 19 Westfield turnovers and had a huge advantage in rebounds, 47-30, including 21 on the offensive glass.

"We missed some shots and their press hurt us a bit," said Westfield State head coach Rich Sutter. "We just didn't answer the bell today."

Westfield led for most of the first half but Salem took the lead for good, 20-19, on a jumper by Alex Finn at the 8:23 mark. The Vikings built a nine-point lead with 1:21 remaining in the first half, but Westfield cut the lead to four, 38-34, on a 3-point basket by freshman Vinny Baker (Springfield/Commerce) at the halftime buzzer.

The Vikings took complete control at the start of the second half. Leading 40-38, they went on an 11-0 run to take a 51-38 lead with 14:43 remaining.

Key the scoring surge was Salem 6-7 junior center Dylan

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COLLEGE

Holmes. Holmes, the MASCAC player of the year, scored all 13 of his points in the second half as he sat out most of the first half with two early fouls.

Westfield made one final push to pull within seven points, 54-47, with 12:16 remaining. But Salem outscored Westfield, 23-6, over the next seven minutes to take its biggest lead of 24 points, 77-53.

Senior guard Ryan Mauer and junior guard Dave Jaehnig led the Owls with 12 points apiece. Baker scored 11 points and Matt Badjo and Drew Pereira both tallied nine points.

Fri, Feb. 29
Women's basketball
Bridgewater State 70, Westfield State 60

BRIDGEWATER – Top-seeded Bridgewater State bested Westfield State, 70-60, in the Mass. State Conference women's basketball tournament semifinals on Friday, Feb. 29.

Bridgewater, the MASCAC regular season champion, boosted its record to 21-4. Westfield finishes 11-16.

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The Owls trailed the top-ranked Bears 30-18 at halftime, and Westfield outscored the host team, 42-40, in the second half. But Bridgewater's potent one-two punch of sisters Colleen and Caitlin Feeney was too much for Westfield to overcome.

Senior guard Caitlin Feeney (Providence, RI) led the Bears with 23 points and a game-high five assists. Senior forward Colleen Feeney posted her 23rd double-double of the season with 16 points and 13 rebounds. Colleen Feeney is one of 10 finalists for the NCAA Division III national player of the year award.

Westfield received an outstanding effort from first-team all-conference selection Andrea Wasuk, who poured in a game-high 26 points (20 in the second half) and grabbed nine rebounds. The junior forward from Lenox was 12-for-16 from the field. Wasuk has 968 career points heading into her senior season.

The only other player scoring in double figures for either team was Westfield junior guard Lauren Sylvain with 12 points.

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Bridgewater State jumped out to a 12-6 lead over the first eight minutes and then leading 15-8 the Bears went on a 5-0 run at the 9:38 mark holding the Owls scoreless for 4 1/2 minutes. BSC built the lead up to 25-16 with 2:17 in the opening half and then closed out the stanza with a 5-2 run sending both teams into the locker room with the Bears holding the 30-18 advantage.

After the intermission, BSC built the lead up to its highest margin at 19 points with 10:35 remaining in the game (49-30). Westfield State then went on an 8-0 run and held the Bears scoreless for the next 2 1/2 minutes of play (49-38). Despite struggling from the free throw line the Bears held a double-digit lead for the rest of the way.

Westfield shot 49 percent from the field, including a sizzling 59 percent (16-for-27) in the second half. However, the Owls were only 3-for-17 from 3-point range.

The Owls had two players foul out and four players each finished with four fouls. Bridgewater was 21-for-31 from the foul line; Westfield 8-for-16.

2007-2008

Trinity trounces Westfield, 7-2

9/21/07

WESTFIELD – Senior forward Marisa Shutte (Allentown, Pa.) scored three goals and Trinity erupted for five second-half goals to cruise to a 7-2 victory over Westfield State in non-conference field hockey action Tuesday evening, Sept. 18.

Shutte scored 39 seconds into the game and Karli Del Rossi (Mantua, N.J.) tallied 12 minutes later to stake the 3-1 visitors to an early 2-0 lead.

But Westfield came charging back to tie the score in the first half on an breakaway goal by freshman Rachel Dionne (Feeding Hills, Mass.) and a penalty stroke goal by freshman Kasey Bascetta (Granby, Conn.).

Trinity then ripped off five straight goals in the second half, including four in a nine-minute span.

Freshman Christina Bradley (Wellesley, Mass.) tallied a goal and two assists and Del Rossi and junior Emily Skipp (Middlebury, Conn.) both had a goal and an assist.

Scoring:
Trinity: Marisa Shutte, 0:39
Trinity: Karli Del Rossi, (Christina Bradley, Katie Curran), 12:08
Westfield: Rachel Dionne, 15:17
Westfield: Kim Bascetta (penalty stroke), 23:33
Trinity: Marisa Shute, (Karli Del Rossi), 41:33
Trinity: Emily Skipp (Christina Bradley), 43:38
Trinity: Christina Bradley, 48:27
Trinity: Marisa Shute (Emily Skipp), 50:14
Trinity: Brady Keeshan, 69:55

Goalie Saves:
Westfield: Cat Hanks 8 saves
Trinity: Payden Sra (1st half), 2 saves: Jillian Fraker (2nd half), 1 save

Westfield sophomore Alyssa Wesoly push - es the ball past Trinity's Karli Del Rossi

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gionals.

WESTFIELD STATE: Senior Andy Messer of Westfield capped an outstanding college career by placing 33rd at the NCAA Division III New England Regional championships recently, a feat which gave him Division III All-New England status.

Messer's twin brother John just missed the honor. He finished 36th in the 47-team meet, and 35th was the All-NE cutoff.

The Owls' Megan Wolski added to her list of accomplishments by making the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Longstreth/ NFHCA Division III All-New England West second team.

Others making that team included Catherine Calvert and Alyssa Dudzik of Amherst on first team and Tierney Healey and Molly Malloy of Amherst, second team.

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Bridgewater outscores Westfield, 4-3

10/5/07

WESTFIELD – Senior forwards, Katie Balboni (Townsend) and Ashley Panzini, (Saugus) both tallied two goals and an assist to lead Bridgewater State to a wild 4-3 field hockey conference victory over Westfield State on Tuesday evening, Oct. 3.

Bridgewater improved to 7-2 overall and 4-2 in the Little East Conference; Westfield is 5-5 and 2-4.

All of the scoring was done in the game's final 40 minutes. Balboni scored with 4:31 left in the first half off an assist to the far corner from Panzini.

Westfield tied the score early in the second half on an unassisted goal by senior, Megan Wolski (Plymouth, MA), the college's all-time leading scorer.

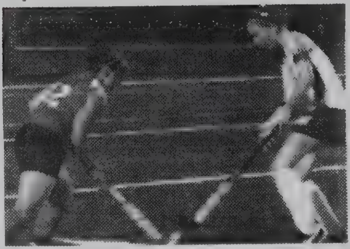
Panzini put the Bears back on top, 2-1, but Westfield sophomore, Kate Moss, (Auburn) tied the score, 2-2, with 19:40 remaining on a goal mouth scramble.

The Bears then struck for two quick goals by Balboni and Panzini in a four-minute span to take a 4-2 lead with 13 minutes remaining.

Westfield made it 4-3 when freshman, Alicia Gardner (Athol), scored off a penalty corner with 11:39 remaining.

But Bridgewater pulled out the key road victory as it thwarted several Westfield scoring attempts in the final minutes.

Scoring:
Bridgewater: Katie Balboni (Ashley Panzini), 30:29
Westfield: Megan Wolski, 37:10
Bridgewater: Ashley Panzini (Kelly Duchemin), 45:59
Westfield: Kate Moss, 50:20
Bridgewater: Katie Balboni (Bethany Bush), 52:08



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Bridgewater: Ashley Panzini (Katie Balboni), 57:01
Westfield: Alicia Gardner (Megan Wolski, Vicky Winson), 58:21

Goalie Saves:
Westfield: Libby Bouley (20 minutes) 0 saves: Cat Hanks (50 minutes) 4 saves

Bridgewater: Nicole Downs 5 saves
Shots: Bridgewater 10 shots; Westfield 8 shots.
Penalty Corners: Bridgewater 5; Westfield 8

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Gardner Sparks Westfield Past Smith

Freshman Allicia Gardner, left, scored two goals in the Owls' home opener.

Box Score

WESTFIELD – Freshman midfielder Alicia Gardner of Athol, Mass., scored two first-half goals to lead the Westfield State field hockey team to a 2-1 victory over Smith College in its home opener on Thursday evening, Sept. 7.

Westfield improved its record to 2-0 heading into its key conference game this Saturday at home vs. Worcester State. It was the season opener for Smith.

Gardner scored off a pair of rebounds in a 4:30 span to stake the Owls to a two-goal lead midway thru the first half.

Smith scored with 5:18 remaining in regulation on a mini-breakaway goal by sophomore Becky Capute.

Smith threatened again following a penalty corner with 30 seconds remaining in the game, but Westfield goalie Cat Hanks of Somers, Conn., made one of her seven saves.

Smith freshman goalie Courtney Murphy of Florence, Mass., (Northampton High School) recorded 12 saves.

Scoring:
Westfield: Alicia Gardner, 22:50
Westfield: Alicia Gardner, 18:20
Smith: Becky Capute (Elizabeth Cummings), 5:18

Westfield State's Kara Guittar, left, and Smith's Lauren Pierce go after a loose ball. Westfield. The Westfield State team is wearing black armbands and dedicating the 2007 season to Shanna Litterst, a member of the field hockey team for the past three years who died in a tragic car accident last spring.

Smith College vs Westfield State (Sep 06, 2007)

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                    The Automated ScoreBook For Soccer
         Smith College vs Westfield State (Sep 06, 2007 at Westfield, MA)


Smith College (0-1) vs.                               Goals by period      1  2  Tot
Westfield State (2-0)                                 ------------------------------
Date: Sep 06, 2007  Attendance: 200                   Smith College.......  0  1 -  1
Weather: 80, humid                                    Westfield State.....  2  0 -  2

Smith College                                     Westfield State
Pos ## Player                   Sh SOG  G  A      Pos ## Player                   Sh SOG  G  A
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GK  00 Murphy, Courtney....     -   -   -  -      GK  32 Cat Hanks...........     -   -   -  -
     3 Campbell, Catharine.     2   2   -  -           1 Alicia Gardner......     2   2   2  -
     5 Murdough, Kaitlyn...     -   -   -  -           2 Kate Moss...........     2   2   -  -
     7 Capute, Rebecca.....     4   4   1  -           3 Vicky Winson........     4   4   -  -
     8 Long, Mary Kate.....     1   1   -  -           4 Ali Rheaume.........     1   1   -  -
     9 Williams, Talia.....     -   -   -  -           6 Jacqui Turner.......     -   -   -  -
    11 Wronski, Kim........     -   -   -  -           9 Rachel Dionne.......     1   1   -  -
    12 Goodhue, Anika......     -   -   -  -          10 Alyssa Wesoly.......     -   -   -  -
    14 Pierce, Lauren......     -   -   -  -          13 Megan Wolski........     3   3   -  -
    15 Janos, Alex.........     -   -   -  -          18 Julie Kosciak.......     -   -   -  -
    17 Wickles, Natalie....     1   1   -  -          19 Kara Guittarr.......     -   -   -  -
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     2 Cummings, Elizabeth.     -   -   -  1          11 Lindsay Wood........     1   1   -  -
     4 Billig, Monica......     -   -   -  -          16 Amanda Burns........     -   -   -  -
    10 Walsh, Michelle.....     -   -   -  -          21 Heather Beninati....     1   1   -  -
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    51 Winter, Margaret....     -   -   -  -
       Totals.............      8   8   1  1

Smith College                                     Westfield State
## Player                 MIN  GA Saves           ## Player                 MIN  GA Saves
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00 Murphy, Courtney....  70:00  2    13           32 Cat Hanks...........  70:00  1     7

Shots by period      1  2  Tot                    Saves by period      1  2  Tot
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Smith College.......  2  6 -  8                   Smith College.......  5  8 - 13
Westfield State.....  6  9 - 15                   Westfield State.....  1  6 -  7

Corner kicks         1  2  Tot                    Fouls                1  2  Tot
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Smith College.......  3  0 -  3                   Smith College.......  0  0 -  0
Westfield State.....  4  0 -  4                   Westfield State.....  0  0 -  0


SCORING SUMMARY:
GOAL   Time Team     Goal Scorer            Assists                                Description
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 1.   22:50 WESTFH   Alicia Gardner         (unassisted)
 2.   18:20 WESTFH   Alicia Gardner         (unassisted)
 3.    5:18 SMI      Capute, Rebecca        Cummings, Elizabeth

CAUTIONS AND EJECTIONS:

Officials: Timekeeper: Michelle Kowalski; Scorer: Ashley Brogan;
Offsides: Smith College 0, Westfield State 0.
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Westfield Edges WNEC, 2-1

Box Score

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. – Senior Megan Wolski (Plymouth, MA) scored the game-winner with 16:24 left as visiting Westfield State remained unbeaten with a 2-1 victory over Western New England College in a non-league field hockey game Thursday afternoon (Sept. 13). Junior Vicky Winson (Upton, MA) had the assist on the winning shot.

The Owls improved their record to 4-0 while the Golden Bears fell to 0-5.

Western New England College took a 1-0 lead when senior Cori Eggert (Denville, NJ) found the back of the net with an assist from junior Caitlin Gelber (Centereach, NY) just 4:08 into the contest.

Westfield came back to tie the game on an unassisted goal by freshman Alicia Gardner (Athol, MA) at the 29:44 mark.

The shots were close with the Owls holding a 6-5 margin.

Scoring Summary
WNE – Cori Eggert (Caitlin Gelber), 4:08
WEST – Alicia Gardner (unassisted), 29:44
WEST – Megan Wolski (Vicky Winson), 53:36

Goalie Saves
Westfield State – Cat Hanks 1
Western New England College – Emilie Donka 3

Shots
Westfield State - 6
Western New England College - 5

Penalty Corners
Westfield State - 4
Western New England College - 6

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Westfield State vs Western New England (09/13/07)

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              The Automated ScoreBook For Field Hockey
    Westfield State vs Western New England (09/13/07 at Springfield, Mass.)


Westfield State (4-0) vs.                      Goals by period       1  2  Tot
Western New England (0-5)                      ------------------------------
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Weather: Sunny, 76 degrees                     Western New England.  1  0 -  1

Westfield State                             Western New England
Pos ## Player               Sh  G  A DS     Pos ## Player               Sh  G  A DS
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GK  32 Cat Hanks..........   -  -  -  -     GK  99 Emilie Donka........  -  -  -  -
M    1 Alicia Gardner......  1  1  -  -     F    2 Cori Eggert.........  4  1  -  -
F    2 Kate Moss...........  -  -  -  -     D    3 Mary Sanford........  -  -  -  -
M    3 Vicky Winson........  2  -  1  -     M    7 Lauren Arsenault....  -  -  -  -
D    4 Ali Rheaume.........  -  -  -  -     M   10 Sarah McQuarrie.....  -  -  -  1
D    6 Jacqui Turner.......  -  -  -  -     D   12 Amy Cunningham......  -  -  -  -
F    9 Rachel Dionne.......  -  -  -  -     M   14 Emily Popham........  -  -  -  -
D   10 Alyssa Wesoly.......  -  -  -  -     F   15 Caitlin Gelber......  1  -  1  -
F   13 Megan Wolski........  3  1  -  -     D   19 Brenna Fitzgerald...  -  -  -  -
F   16 Amanda Burns........  -  -  -  -     D   20 Jessica Abelson.....  -  -  -  -
M   20 Kasey Bascetta......  -  -  -  -     F   22 Aimee O'Connell.....  -  -  -  -
    ---------- Substitutes ----------           ---------- Substitutes ----------
    11 Lindsay Wood........  -  -  -  -          1 Erin Griffin........  -  -  -  -
    18 Julie Kosciak.......  -  -  -  -          6 Kaela Jalbert.......  -  -  -  -
    19 Kara Guittarr.......  -  -  -  -          8 Justine McComb......  -  -  -  -
    31 Libby Bouley........  -  -  -  -         11 Sarah Antosik.......  -  -  -  -
       Totals.............   6  2  1  0            Totals.............  5  1  1  1

Westfield State                             Western New England
## Player                MIN   GA Saves     ## Player                MIN   GA Saves
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32 Cat Hanks..........  70:00  1     1      99 Emilie Donka........  70:00  2     3

Shots by period       1  2  Tot             Saves by period       1  2  Tot
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Westfield State.....  5  1 -  6             Westfield State.....  1  0 -  1
Western New England.  3  2 -  5             Western New England.  3  0 -  3

Penalty corners       1  2  Tot
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Westfield State.....  4  0 -  4
Western New England.  1  5 -  6


SCORING SUMMARY:
GOAL   Time Team     Goal Scorer          Assists                              Description
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 1.    4:08 WNEC     Cori Eggert          Caitlin Gelber
 2.   29:44 WEST     Alicia Gardner       (unassisted)
 3.   53:36 WEST     Megan Wolski         Vicky Winson


PLAYER CARDS:

Officials: Judy Strong; Deborah Martin; Scorer: Christa Parulis-Kaye;
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Shot Chart

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                              Shot Chart
                The Automated ScoreBook For Field Hockey
    Westfield State vs Western New England (09/13/07 at Springfield, Mass.)

                          Team Shot Summary

 Westfield State                         Western New England
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 TOTAL SHOTS ATTEMPTED        6          TOTAL SHOTS ATTEMPTED        5
 BLOCKED BY DEFENSE           0          BLOCKED BY DEFENSE           1
 SHOTS OFF TARGET             0          SHOTS OFF TARGET             2
 POSTS                        0          POSTS                        0
 SHOTS ON TARGET              6          SHOTS ON TARGET              2
   SAVED BY GOALIE            3            SAVED BY GOALIE            1
   GOALS SCORED               3            GOALS SCORED               1
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Play-by-Play Summary

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                          Play-by-Play Summary (1st period)
                        The Automated ScoreBook For Field Hockey
            Westfield State vs Western New England (09/13/07 at Springfield, Mass.)

      Westfield State Starters:                Western New England Starters:
      M   1  Alicia Gardner                    F   2  Cori Eggert
      F   2  Kate Moss                         D   3  Mary Sanford
      M   3  Vicky Winson                      M   7  Lauren Arsenault
      D   4  Ali Rheaume                       M   10 Sarah McQuarrie
      D   6  Jacqui Turner                     D   12 Amy Cunningham
      F   9  Rachel Dionne                     M   14 Emily Popham
      D   10 Alyssa Wesoly                     F   15 Caitlin Gelber
      F   13 Megan Wolski                      D   19 Brenna Fitzgerald
      F   16 Amanda Burns                      D   20 Jessica Abelson
      M   20 Kasey Bascetta                    F   22 Aimee O'Connell
      GK  32 Cat Hanks                         GK  99 Emilie Donka

      [00:00] Cat Hanks at goalie for WEST.
      [00:00] Emilie Donka at goalie for WNEC.
      Foul on WNEC.
      Foul on WNEC.
      Foul on WNEC.
      Foul on WEST.
      [04:08] GOAL by WNEC Cori Eggert (FIRST GOAL), Assist by Caitlin Gelber.

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====================  WESTFIELD STATE 0, WESTERN NEW ENGLAND 1
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      Foul on WEST.
      Foul on WNEC.
      Foul on WEST.
      [06:31] WNEC substitution: Justine McComb for Caitlin Gelber.
      [07:32] WNEC substitution: Erin Griffin for Mary Sanford.
      Foul on WEST.
      Foul on WNEC.
      Foul on WEST.
      Foul on WNEC.
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        [11:35] WNEC substitution: Sarah Antosik for Emily Popham.
        [12:35] Shot by WNEC Cori Eggert WIDE.
        Foul on WEST.
        [15:24] WNEC substitution: Caitlin Gelber for Justine McComb.
        [16:26] Shot by WEST Vicky Winson, SAVE Emilie Donka.
        [16:44] WEST substitution: Julie Kosciak for Vicky Winson.
        Foul on WEST.
        Foul on WNEC.
        [18:20] WEST substitution: Lindsay Wood for Kate Moss.
        Foul on WNEC.
        Foul on WNEC.
        Foul on WNEC.
        Foul on WEST.
        Foul on WNEC.
        [21:43] WNEC substitution: Mary Sanford for Sarah McQuarrie.
        Foul on WEST.
        Foul on WNEC.
        Foul on WNEC.
        [23:45] Penalty corner by WEST Alicia Gardner.
        [24:01] Shot by WEST Megan Wolski, SAVE Emilie Donka.
        [25:37] WNEC substitution: Sarah McQuarrie for Mary Sanford.
        Foul on WNEC.
        [26:24] Penalty corner by WEST Alicia Gardner.
        [26:37] Shot by WEST Megan Wolski, SAVE Emilie Donka.
        Foul on WNEC.
        Foul on WEST.
        [27:39] WEST substitution: Kara Guittarr for Rachel Dionne.
        Foul on WNEC.
        [28:15] WEST substitution: Vicky Winson for Julie Kosciak.
        Foul on WEST.
        Foul on WNEC.
        [29:44] GOAL by WEST Alicia Gardner.

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    ====================  WESTFIELD STATE 1, WESTERN NEW ENGLAND 1
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        *
        [29:44] Shot by WNEC Caitlin Gelber, SAVE Cat Hanks.
        [29:44] Penalty corner by WNEC Emily Popham.
        Foul on WNEC.
        Foul on WEST.
        [33:06] Shot by WEST Vicky Winson DEFENSIVE SAVE by Sarah McQuarrie.
        [34:10] Penalty corner by WEST Alicia Gardner.
        [34:19] Penalty corner by WEST Alicia Gardner.
        Foul on WEST.
        Foul on WNEC.
        End of period [35:00].
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                          Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)

        Start of 2nd period [35:00].
        Foul on WEST.
        Foul on WEST.
        Foul on WNEC.
        Foul on WEST.
        Foul on WEST.
        Foul on WEST.
        Foul on WEST.
        Foul on WNEC.
        [40:51] WNEC substitution: Caitlin Gelber for Justine McComb.
        Foul on WEST.
        Foul on WEST.
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        [43:52] Penalty corner by WNEC Emily Popham.
        Foul on WNEC.
        Foul on WEST.
        Foul on WNEC.
        Foul on WNEC.
        [50:22] WNEC substitution: Kaela Jalbert for Caitlin Gelber.
        [50:22] WNEC substitution: Justine McComb for Emily Popham.
        Foul on WNEC.
        Foul on WNEC.
        [53:36] GOAL by WEST Megan Wolski, Assist by Vicky Winson.

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====================  WESTFIELD STATE 2, WESTERN NEW ENGLAND 1
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        [56:31] WNEC substitution: Emily Popham for Kaela Jalbert.
        [56:31] WNEC substitution: Caitlin Gelber for Justine McComb.
        [56:31] WEST substitution: Julie Kosciak for Vicky Winson.
        [56:54] Timeout by WNEC.
        Foul on WEST.
        Foul on WEST.
        [57:40] Penalty corner by WNEC Emily Popham.
        [58:03] Penalty corner by WNEC Emily Popham.
        [58:47] WEST substitution: Vicky Winson for Julie Kosciak.
        Foul on WEST.
        [60:25] Penalty corner by WNEC Emily Popham.
        [60:50] Shot by WNEC Cori Eggert BLOCKED.
        Foul on WNEC.
        Foul on WEST.
        Foul on WNEC.
        Foul on WEST.
        Foul on WEST.
        Foul on WEST.
        Foul on WNEC.
        Foul on WEST.
        [65:07] Penalty corner by WNEC Emily Popham.
        [65:26] Shot by WNEC Cori Eggert HIGH.
        Foul on WEST.
        Foul on WEST.
        Foul on WEST.
        Foul on WNEC.
        End of period [70:00].

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====================  WESTFIELD STATE 2, WESTERN NEW ENGLAND 1
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Team Records

Most Wins: 12, 1996, 2008, 2011
Best Record: 9-1-1, 1978
Most Losses: 13, 2003
Fewest Losses: 1, 1977, 1978, 1979
Most Ties: 4, 1979
Longest Winning Streak: 8, 2000
Longest Winning Streak (Without Loss): 8, 1981
Most Goals Scored-Season: 53, 2008
Most Goals Scored-Game: 10 vs. WNEC, 1981
Fewest Goals Scored-Season: 1, 1971
Most Goals Allowed-Season: 55, 2010
Most Goals Allowed-Game: 9, 1982
Fewest Goals Allowed-Season: 10, 1973
Most Shutouts: 10, 1984
Most Consecutive Shutouts: 5, 1984
Most Times Shut Out: 9, 1986, 2002
Most Overtimes, Season: 6, 1991

Individual Records

Most Goals Game:

5 - Jessi Gould (freshman) vs. Elms, 2008
4 by Seven Players - Janet Rushton vs. Wesleyan, 1975; Deb O'Reilly vs. Wesleyan, 1981; Kathy Cirone vs. Plymouth, 1983; Nikki LaMongtagne vs. Elms, 1996; Jill Paghera vs. Elms, 1997; Jessi Gould vs. Western New England, 2011; Liz Hall vs. Becker, 2012

Most Goals Season:

23 - Deb O'Reilly, 1981
19 - Megan Wolski, 2005
18 - Jessi Gould, 2010
18 - Megan Wolski, 2006
18 - Susie Lehto, 1978
17 - Jessi Gould, 2008
15 - Megan Wolski, 2007
15 -Shanna Litterst, 2005
14 - Heather Cabral, 1990
13 - Holly Brouillette, 2013
13 -Shanna Litterst, 2004
13 - Lori Lahue, 1995
13 - Heather Cabral, 1991
13 - Eva Dallaire, 1975
12 - Sarah Pliszka, 2012
12 - Jessi Gould, 2011
12 - B.J. Dion, 2000
12 - Debbie Reilly, 1982
11 - Liz Hall, 2012
11 - Nikki Lamontagne, 1996

11 - Janet Rushton, 1975

Most Goals Career:
60 - Megan Wolski, 2004-2007
53 - Jessi Gould, 2008-2011
43 - Heather Cabral, 1988-91
37 - Sue Lehto 1975-78 (minus '77 season)
36 - Lori Lahue, 1995-98
35 - Shanna Litterst, 2004-2006
35 - Deb O'Reilly 1981-82 (minus two seasons)

Most Assists Game:
3 - Liz Hall vs. Elms, 2012
3 - Jill Paghera vs. Endicott, 1997
3 - Shanna Litterst vs. Salem, 2004
3 - Kate Moss vs. Elms, 2008
3 - Sarah Pliszka vs.Elms, 2010

Most Assists Season:
12 - Megan Wolski, 2005
11 - Liz Hall, 2012
11 - Sharon Underwood, 1988
9 - Alicia Gardner, 2009
9 - Alicia Gardner, 2008
9 - Shanna Littersst, 2005
9 - Kate Anderson, 2004
9 - Tara Rosata, 1996
9 - Jill Paghera, 1997

Most Assists Career:
28 - Alicia Gardner, 2007-2010
23 - Kate Anderson, 2003-2006
22 - Jill Paghera, 1994-97
13 - Sarah Pliszka, 2010-2013
20 - Shanna Litterst, 2004-2006
19 - Vicky Winson, 2005-2008
19 - Meghan Wolski, 2004-2007
18 - Tara Rosata, 1993-96
16- Jessi Gould, 2008-2011
15 - Robyn DeAngelis, 1993-96
15 - Sharon Underwood, 1987-89
14 - Renee Gahan, 2000-2003
13 - Heather Cabral, 1988-91
13 - Erica Pratt, 1996-99
13 - Laura Scott, 2001-2004
13 - Kate Moss, 2006-2009

Most Points Season:
54 (23-8) - Deb O'Reilly, 1981
50 (19-12) - Megan Wolski, 2005
42 (18-6) - Jessi Gould, 2010

Most Points Career:
139 (60-19) - Megan Wolski, 2004-2007
122 (53-16) - Jessi Gould, 2008-2011
99 (43-13) - Heather Cabral, 1988-91
90 (35-20) - Shanna Litterst, 2004-2006 (3 years)
83 (36-11) - Lori Lahue, 1995-1998
79 (35-4) - Deb O'Reilly, 1981-82 (minus two seasons)
74 (37 goals) - Susie Lehto, 1975-78 (minus '77 season)
72 (26-20) - Sarah Pliszka, 2010-2013
60 (16-28) - Alicia Gardner, 2007-2010
60 (19-22) - Jill Paghera, 1994-97
56 (26-4) - Theresa Yacovone, 2000-2003

GOALIE RECORDS

Most Saves Game:
28 - Cat Hanks vs. Keene State, Nov. 5, 2005, in the LEC championship game played at Plymouth State.

Most Saves Season:

192 - Alyssa Scott, 1993
179 - Cat Hanks, 2005
168 - Mara Lichoulas, 1985

Most Saves-Career:

617 - Alyssa Scott, 1991-94
446 - Amanda McCarthy, 2008-2011
429 - Jill Annunciata, 1999-2002
424 - Mara Lichoulas, 1984-85-87
405 - Cat Hanks, 2005-2007

Most Shutouts Season:

10 - Mara Lichoulas, 1984
9 - Jill Annunciata, 1999

Most Shutouts Career:

21 - Jill Annunciata, 1999-2002
20 - Karen Pawlishen, 1995-97
19 - Mara Lichoulas, 1984-87

Goals Against Average, Career: .979 (47 goals in 46 games), Mara Lichoulas, 1984-85-87
Goals Against Average, Season: .706 (12 goals in 17 games), Mara Lichoulas, 1984
Saves Percentage, Season: .929, Mara Lichoulas, 1984
Saves Percentage, Career: .902, Mara Lichoulas, 1984-85-87

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Bridgewater Outscores Westfield, 4-3

Westfield's Alicia Gardner, right, squares off against Bridgewater's Katie Balboni, who had two goals and an assist.

Box Score

WESTFIELD – Senior forwards Katie Balboni (Townsend) and Ashley Panzini (Saugus) both tallied two goals and an assist to lead Bridgewater State to a wild 4-3 field hockey conference victory over Westfield State on Tuesday evening, Oct. 3.

Bridgewater improved to 7-2 overall and 4-2 in the Little East Conference; Westfield is 5-5 and 2-4.

All of the scoring was done in the game's final 40 minutes. Balboni scored with 4:31 left in the first half off an assist to the far corner from Panzini.

Westfield tied the score early in the second half on an unassisted goal by senior Megan Wolski (Plymouth, MA), the college's all-time leading scorer.

Panzini put the Bears back on top, 2-1, but Westfield sophomore Kate Moss (Auburn) tied the score, 2-2, with 19:40 remaining on a goal mouth scramble.

The Bears then struck for two quick goals by Balboni and Panzini in a four-minute span to take a 4-2 lead with 13 minutes remaining.

Westfield made it 4-3 when freshman Alicia Gardner (Athol) scored off a penalty corner with 11:39 remaining.

But Bridgewater pulled out the key road victory as it thwarted several Westfield scoring attempts in the final minutes.

Scoring:
Bridgewater: Katie Balboni (Ashley Panzini), 30:29
Westfield: Megan Wolski, 37:10
Bridgewater: Ashley Panzini (Kelly Duchemin), 45:59
Westfield: Kate Moss, 50:20
Bridgewater: Katie Balboni (Bethany Bush), 52:08
Bridgewater: Ashley Panzini (Katie Balboni), 57:01
Westfield: Alicia Gardner (Megan Wolski, Vicky Winson), 58:21

Goalie Saves:
Westfield: Libby Bo[illegible]ley (20 minutes) 0 saves, Cat Hanks (50 minutes) 4 saves
Bridgewater: Nicole Downs 5 saves

Shots: Bridgewater 10 shots; Westfield 8 shots.
Penalty Corners: Bridgewater 5; Westfield 8

Westfield's Kara Guittar, left, pushes the ball past Bridgewater State's Stacey Takis.

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Westfield Blanks Becker, 3-0

Megan Wolski scored two goals vs. Becker on a damp and dreary afternoon at Westfield State. No. 19 is Becker's Nakita Gosselin. Photo By David Harris-Fried

Box Score

WESTFIELD – Senior forward Megan Wolski scored two first-half goals to lead Westfield State to a 3-0 non-conference field hockey victory over Becker College on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 10.

Westfield snapped a five-game losing skid in improving its record to 5-6. Becker drops to 1-12.

Wolski - the Owls' all-time leading scorer - tallied her first goal 1:14 into the game with an assist from sophomore Alyssa Wesoly (Burlington, Conn.). The 5-9 forward from Plymouth, Mass., scored her second goal with an assist from freshman Alicia Gardner of Athol.

Gardner also assisted on a third goal, which was scored by freshman Amanda Burns (Hillsdale, N.Y.) early in the second half.

Scoring:
Westfield: Megan Wolski (Alyssa Wesoly), 1:14
Westfield: Megan Wolski (Alicia Gardner), 22:36
Westfield: Amanda Burns (Alicia Gardner), 42:29

Goalie Saves:
Westfield: Cat Hanks 3 saves
Becker: Ciara Lawrence 3 saves

Shots: Becker 3; Westfield 11
Penalty Corners: Becker 2; Westfield 8

Westfield State's Heather Beninati follows the ball's flight. Also pictured are Ali Rheaume and Catherine Moriarty.

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Guittarr Sparks Owls Past Rams

Junior forward Kara Guittarr

Box Score

FRAMINGHAM - Junior forward Kara Guittarr (Dedham) had two goals and an assist in the game's final 12 minutes to rally Westfield State to a 3-1 field hockey victory over Framingham State on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 14.

The Owls improved to 7-7 overall and 3-5 in the Little East Conference. Framingham is 6-6 and 3-5.

Kristen Saccao scored Framingham's only goal 4:55 into the game. The 1-0 lead held up until 11:14 remaining in the game when Westfield senior standout Megan Wolski tied the score, with an assist from Guittarr.

Guittarr scored the game-winning goal with 7:49 remaining, with an assist from freshman Alicia Gardner. Guittarr added an unassisted insurance goal with 1:09 remaining.

Westfield outshot Framingham, 27-9, including a 16-2 margin in the second half.

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Owls Rally For Overtime Victory

Megan Wolski scores the game-winning goal in overtime. Photos By Tom Moriarty.

Box Score

FITCHBURG, Mass. - Westfield State College's Megan Wolski (Plymouth, MA/Plymouth South) scored the game-winning goal with 9:01 remaining in the first overtime to lift the Owls past host Fitchburg State College, 3-2, Wednesday night in Little East Conference field hockey action at Elliot Field.

Westfield, which scored two goals in the final 21 minutes of regulation to erase a 2-0 deficit, improved to 6-7 overall and 4-5 [illegible] conference play. Fitchburg is 2-13 and 0-9

Fitchburg State got on the board first when Paula Bartalamia (Tewksbury, MA/Tewksbury) scored in the 23rd minute. Sophomore Kaleigh Peterson (Townsend, MA/St. Bernard's) set up the Bartalamia tally.

Sophomore Vanessa Truax (Foxboro, MA/Foxboro) doubled the Fitchburg lead in the 45th minute on a feed from junior Heather DiTerlizzi (Shrewsbury, MA/Shrewsbury).

The Owls got on the board with 21:06 to play in regulation on an Alicia Gardner (Athol, MA/Athol) tally. Vicky Winson set up Gardner just inside the circle and the freshman blasted a shot that beat FSC keeper Emily Creen (Worcester, MA/Holy Name) on the left side.

Freshman Rachel Dionne (Agawam) tied the score with an unassisted goal with just under 10 mintues remaining in regulation. Dionne put in a missed shot off the far post that was taken by Kara Guittarr.

The Owls celebrate Megan Wolski's game-winning goal in overtime at Fitchburg State.

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Seven Owls Named All-Conference

Senior defender Jacqui Turner is a three-time first team all-conference selection.

Seven Westfield State field hockey players, including three-time player of the year Megan Wolski, were selected to the Massachusetts State Athletics Conference (MASCAC) all-conference teams.

Wolski was named the MASCAC player of the year for the third consecutive season. She also was the co-player of the year and a first-team pick in the 12-team Little East Conference. Furthermore, the Plymouth, Mass., native was named to the New England West All-Region second team; she was a first-team choice in 2006.

Teammates joining Wolski on the MASCAC all conference first team were senior defender Jacqui Turner (Boxboro), freshman midfielder Alicia Gardner (Athol), and sophomore midfielder Vicky Winson (Upton).

Turner was a first-team all-conference selection for the third consecutive year. Gardner was Westfield's second leading scorer with 17 points (6 goals, 5 assists). Winson ranked third in team scoring with nine points (2 goals, 5 assists).

Second team all conference picks were: goalie graduate student Cat Hanks (Somers, Conn.), sophomore defender Alyssa Wesoly (Burlington, Conn.), and junior midfielder Ali Rheaume (Blackstone). Hanks also was second team all-conference in 2006.

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So. Maine Eliminates Field Hockey

Box Score

GORHAM, Maine - Senior midfielder Samm Johnson (Mexico, Maine/Mt. Valley) scored the first of her team's three goals to lead the University of Southern Maine Huskies to a 3-1 Little East Conference quarterfinal win over the Westfield State College Owls Tuesday afternoon at Paula D. Hodgdon Field in Gorham.

Southern Maine, the no. 2 seed in the tournament, improves to 14-6 overall and advances to the semifinal round of the LEC tournament. USM will host third-seed Plymouth State University on Thursday (Nov. 1) at 2:30 p.m. Plymouth State defeated sixth-seed Salem State College 2-1.

The loss snapped a five-game win streak for the Owls who conclude their season with a 10-8 record.

Johnson broke open a scoreless game in the 27th minute, driving in her first goal of the season off of an assist from sophomore midfielder Cristina Corson (Naples, Maine/Lake Region). The assist was Corson's team-leading seventh of the season.

In the second half, USM wasted little time taking a 2-0 lead as senior forward Caitlin Albert (Scarborough, Maine) redirected a pass from sophomore forward India Lowe (Gloucester, Mass.) in the 39th minute. Lowe used a solid individual effort to carry the ball to the right side of the circle and towards the end line before finding Albert in front of the cage for the goal.

Junior forward Rolinda Mitchell (Dover-Foxcroft, Maine/Foxcroft Academy) accounted for Southern Maine's final goal of the game. Mitchell notched her first goal of the season, hustling to a loose ball in the 50th minute.

Westfield State broke up the shutout bid on the final play of the game. With time winding down, the Owls converted their third penalty corner of the game into a score when freshman midfield Alicia Gardner (Athol, Mass.) knocked in a pass from junior midfield Vicky Winson (Upton, Mass./Nipmuc) as time expired.

Owl senior goalkeeper Cat Hanks (Somers, Conn.) played well in net making seven saves in the loss. USM sophomore goalkeeper Allie Hill (Cape Elizabeth, Maine) and freshman Courtney Howe(Pittsfield, Maine/Maine Central Institute) shared net-minding duties for the Huskies. Hill did not make a save in 55:57 of action, while Howe allowed one goal and was not credited with a save in 14:03 of action.

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Westfield State vs Southern Maine (Oct 30, 2007)

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Field Hockey Box Score

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                     Field Hockey Box Score (Final)
                  The Automated ScoreBook For Field Hockey
       Westfield State vs Southern Maine (Oct 30, 2007 at Gorham, Maine)


                                                    Goals by period      1  2  Tot
Westfield State (10-8) vs.                          ------------------------------
Southern Maine (14-6)                               Westfield State.....  0  1 -  1
Date: Oct 30, 2007  Attendance: 100                 Southern Maine......  1  2 -  3
Weather: Sunny and Cool

Westfield State                                  Southern Maine
Pos ## Player                 Sh  G  A DS        Pos ## Player                 Sh  G  A DS
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GK  32 Cat Hanks..........     -  -  -  -        GK  01 Allie Hill.........     -  -  -  -
     1 Alicia Gardner.....     1  1  -  -             7 Sara Winterbottom...    2  -  -  -
     3 Vicky Winson.......     -  -  1  -             9 Alyson Lumino.......    -  -  -  -
     4 Ali Rheaume........     -  -  -  -            10 Cristina Corson.....    -  -  1  -
     6 Jacqui Turner......     -  -  -  -            11 Anna Dupuis.........    1  -  -  -
    10 Alyssa Wesoly......     1  -  -  -            13 India Lowe..........    2  -  1  -
    13 Megan Wolski.......     -  -  -  -            15 Samm Johnson........    1  1  -  -
    16 Amanda Burns.......     -  -  -  -            16 Alyssa Kraus........    -  -  -  -
    17 Christina Connolly.     -  -  -  -            18 Justene Dorr........    -  -  -  1
    19 Kara Guittarr......     -  -  -  -            20 Anna Pease..........    2  -  -  -
    20 Kasey Bascetta.....     -  -  -  -            21 Caitlin Albert......    5  1  -  -
     ---------- Substitutes ----------                ---------- Substitutes ----------
     2 Kate Moss..........     -  -  -  -             3 Courtney Howe.......    -  -  -  -
     8 Catherine Moriarty.     -  -  -  1             4 Jennifer Gagnon.....    2  -  -  -
    18 Julie Kosciak......     -  -  -  -             5 Kerri Moynihan......    -  -  -  -
    21 Heather Beninati...     -  -  -  -             8 Heather Gilman......    1  -  -  -
       Totals.............     2  1  1  1            12 Jennifer Masessa....    -  -  -  -
                                                     14 Rolinda Mitchell....    1  1  -  -
                                                     23 Missy Rivet.........    1  -  -  -
                                                     24 Brandi Alton........    -  -  -  -
                                                        Totals.............    18  3  2  1


Westfield State                                  Southern Maine
## Player                  MIN  GA Saves         ## Player                  MIN  GA Saves
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32 Cat Hanks..........   70:00  3     7          01 Allie Hill.........   55:57  0     0
                                                 3  Courtney Howe.......  14:03  1     0


Shots by period      1  2  Tot                   Saves by period      1  2  Tot
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Westfield State.....  1  1 -  2                  Westfield State.....  3  4 -  7
Southern Maine......  8 10 - 18                  Southern Maine......  0  0 -  0

Penalty corners      1  2  Tot
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Westfield State.....  2  1 -  3
Southern Maine......  3  5 -  8


SCORING SUMMARY:
GOAL   Time Team    Goal Scorer          Assists                                 Description
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 1.   26:54 USMFH07  Samm Johnson         Cristina Corson
 2.   38:36 USMFH07  Caitlin Albert       India Lowe
 3.   49:09 USMFH07  Rolinda Mitchell     (unassisted)
 4.   70:00 WESTFH   Alicia Gardner       Vicky Winson                            On Corner
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PLAYER CARDS:

Officials: Anita Thomas; Kim Ballantyne; Scorer: C.Cracolici;
USM advances to LEC semifinal. Will host semifinal on Thurs,
Nov. 1 at 2:30 p.m.
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Shot Chart

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                              Shot Chart
                   The Automated ScoreBook For Field Hockey
       Westfield State vs Southern Maine (Oct 30, 2007 at Gorham, Maine)

                          Team Shot Summary

 Westfield State                          Southern Maine
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 TOTAL SHOTS ATTEMPTED        2           TOTAL SHOTS ATTEMPTED      18
 BLOCKED BY DEFENSE           1           BLOCKED BY DEFENSE          0
 SHOTS OFF TARGET             0           SHOTS OFF TARGET            7
 POSTS                        0           POSTS                       0
 SHOTS ON TARGET              1           SHOTS ON TARGET            11
   SAVED BY GOALIE            0             SAVED BY GOALIE           7
   GOALS SCORED               1             GOALS SCORED              4
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Play-by-Play Summary

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                   Play-by-Play Summary (1st period)
                The Automated ScoreBook For Field Hockey
     Westfield State vs Southern Maine (Oct 30, 2007 at Gorham, Maine)

    Westfield State Starters:                Southern Maine Starters:
        1  Alicia Gardner                        7  Sara Winterbottom
        3  Vicky Winson                          9  Alyson Lumino
        4  Ali Rheaume                           10 Cristina Corson
        6  Jacqui Turner                         11 Anna Dupuis
        10 Alyssa Wesoly                         13 India Lowe
        13 Megan Wolski                          15 Samm Johnson
        16 Amanda Burns                          16 Alyssa Kraus
        17 Christina Connolly                    18 Justene Dorr
        19 Kara Guittarr                         20 Anna Pease
        20 Kasey Bascetta                        21 Caitlin Albert
    GK  32 Cat Hanks                         GK  01 Allie Hill

    [00:00] Cat Hanks at goalie for WESTFH.
    [00:00] Allie Hill at goalie for USMFH07.
    Penalty corner by USMFH07 India Lowe.
    [01:31] Shot by USMFH07 Anna Pease WIDE.
    [03:57] Shot by USMFH07 Caitlin Albert WIDE.
    [07:26] USMFH07 substitution: Missy Rivet for India Lowe.
    [09:05] Penalty corner by WESTFH Alicia Gardner.
    [09:22] USMFH07 substitution: Brandi Alton for Samm Johnson.
    [09:44] Shot by WESTFH Alyssa Wesoly BLOCKED.
    [10:37] USMFH07 substitution: Jennifer Gagnon for Sara Winterbottom.
    [10:37] USMFH07 substitution: India Lowe for Missy Rivet.
    [14:23] Penalty corner by USMFH07 India Lowe.
    [14:54] Shot by USMFH07 India Lowe WIDE.
    [15:06] USMFH07 substitution: Samm Johnson for Cristina Corson.
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      [16:20] USMFH07 substitution: Jennifer Masessa for India Lowe.
      [17:06] WESTFH substitution: Catherine Moriarty for Kasey Bascetta.
      [17:06] USMFH07 substitution: Sara Winterbottom for Alyssa Kraus.
      [18:44] USMFH07 substitution: Cristina Corson for Brandi Alton.
      [18:44] USMFH07 substitution: Rolinda Mitchell for Jennifer Gagnon.
      [21:56] USMFH07 substitution: Alyssa Kraus for Jennifer Masessa.
      [21:56] USMFH07 substitution: India Lowe for Rolinda Mitchell.
      [22:38] USMFH07 substitution: Brandi Alton for Justene Dorr.
      [23:19] Penalty corner by WESTFH Alicia Gardner.
      [26:26] WESTFH substitution: Vicky Winson for Catherine Moriarty.
      [26:47] Shot by USMFH07 Caitlin Albert, SAVE Cat Hanks.
      [26:54] GOAL by USMFH07 Samm Johnson (FIRST GOAL), Assist by Cristina Corson.

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====================  WESTFIELD STATE 0, SOUTHERN MAINE 1
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      [27:28] Shot by USMFH07 Caitlin Albert WIDE.
      [27:38] USMFH07 substitution: Jennifer Masessa for Samm Johnson.
      [28:02] USMFH07 substitution: Missy Rivet for India Lowe.
      [28:02] USMFH07 substitution: Justene Dorr for Anna Pease.
      [29:07] Shot by USMFH07 Caitlin Albert, SAVE Cat Hanks.
      [29:11] Shot by USMFH07 Sara Winterbottom, SAVE Cat Hanks.
      [29:15] Penalty corner by USMFH07 Missy Rivet.
      [31:55] USMFH07 substitution: Kerri Moynihan for Brandi Alton.
      [31:55] USMFH07 substitution: India Lowe for Sara Winterbottom.
      End of period [35:00].
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                          Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)

      Start of 2nd period [35:00].
      [38:36] GOAL by USMFH07 Caitlin Albert, Assist by India Lowe.

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====================  WESTFIELD STATE 0, SOUTHERN MAINE 2
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      [39:56] USMFH07 substitution: Missy Rivet for India Lowe.
      [40:44] Shot by USMFH07 Missy Rivet, SAVE Cat Hanks.
      [41:13] Penalty corner by USMFH07 Missy Rivet.
      [41:58] USMFH07 substitution: Jennifer Gagnon for Caitlin Albert.
      [42:36] WESTFH substitution: Kasey Bascetta for Christina Connolly.
      [43:44] Penalty corner by USMFH07 Missy Rivet.
      [43:55] Shot by USMFH07 Jennifer Gagnon, SAVE Cat Hanks.
      [44:01] Shot by USMFH07 Sara Winterbottom, SAVE Cat Hanks.
      [45:53] WESTFH substitution: Julie Kosciak for Kate Moss.
      [47:32] USMFH07 substitution: Rolinda Mitchell for Alyssa Kraus.
      [47:32] USMFH07 substitution: Brandi Alton for Anna Dupuis.
      [48:47] Penalty corner by USMFH07 Missy Rivet.
      [49:09] Shot by USMFH07 Anna Pease DEFENSIVE SAVE by Catherine Moriarty.
      [49:09] GOAL by USMFH07 Rolinda Mitchell.

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====================  WESTFIELD STATE 0, SOUTHERN MAINE 3
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      [49:09] USMFH07 substitution: India Lowe for Sara Winterbottom.
      [49:09] USMFH07 substitution: Kerri Moynihan for Anna Pease.
      [49:09] Shot by USMFH07 Jennifer Gagnon, SAVE Cat Hanks.
      [49:09] USMFH07 substitution: Heather Gilman for Samm Johnson.
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      [49:09] USMFH07 substitution: Missy Rivet for Caitlin Albert.
      [49:09] WESTFH substitution: Kate Moss for Kara Guittarr.
      [49:09] Penalty corner by USMFH07 India Lowe.
      [52:39] Shot by USMFH07 India Lowe WIDE.
      [52:50] USMFH07 substitution: Jennifer Masessa for Cristina Corson.
      [55:57] USMFH07 substitution: Courtney Howe for Allie Hill.
      [55:57] Courtney Howe at goalie for USMFH07.
      [57:11] Shot by USMFH07 Heather Gilman WIDE.
      [63:37] Shot by USMFH07 Anna Dupuis WIDE.
      [64:31] Penalty corner by USMFH07 Missy Rivet.
      [67:25] WESTFH substitution: Heather Beninati for Kara Guittarr.
      [69:43] Penalty corner by WESTFH Alicia Gardner.
      [70:00] GOAL by WESTFH Alicia Gardner, Assist by Vicky Winson.

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====================  WESTFIELD STATE 1, SOUTHERN MAINE 3
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Owls rally for overtime victory

11/9/07

FITCHBURG, Mass. - Westfield State College's Megan Wolski (Plymouth, MA/Plymouth South) scored the game-winning goal with 9:01 remaining in the first overtime to lift the Owls past host Fitchburg State College, 3-2, last Wednesday night in Little East Conference field hockey action at Elliot Field.

Westfield, which scored two goals in the final 21 minutes of regulation to erase a 2-0 deficit, improved to 8-7 overall and 4-5 in conference play. Fitchburg is 2-13 and 0-9

Fitchburg State got on the board first when Paula Bartalamia (Tewksbury, MA/Tewksbury) scored in the 23rd minute. Sophomore Kaleigh Peterson (Townsend, MA/St. Bernard's) set up the Bartalamia tally.

Sophomore Vanessa Truax (Foxboro, MA/Foxboro) doubled the Fitchburg lead in the 45th minute on a feed from junior Heather DiTerlizzi (Shrewsbury, MA/Shrewsbury).

The Owls got on the board with 21:06 to play in regulation on an Alicia Gardner (Athol, MA/Athol) tally. Vicky Winson set up Gardner just inside the circle and the freshman blasted a shot that beat FSC keeper Emily Creen (Worcester, MA/Holy Name) on the left side.

Freshman Rachel Dionne (Agawam) tied the score with an unassisted goal with just under 10 mintues remaining in regulation. Dionne put in a missed shot off the far post that was taken by Kara Guittarr.

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Alison Wesolowski of South Hadley was a senior member of the Westfield State women's cross country team that captured the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference championship for the third consecutive year and for the eighth time in the past 11 years. Westfield State also placed second in the 12-team New England Alliance championships. Wesoloski received the team's Most Outstanding Contributor Award at the Westfield State fall sports banquet. She placed first individually in the Mass. State Conference championships with a winning time of 19:48, and she earned all conference honors by placing seventh in the New England Alliance championships.

Owls place third in Alliance

11/9/2007

NORTH DARTMOUTH - The Westfield State men's cross country team placed third in the 13-team New England Alliance championships on Oct. 27 at UMass Dartmouth.

Southern Maine edged Keene State for the team title, 31-38, followed by Westfield (115) and Worcester State (121).

Seniors John Messer (8th place) and Andy Messer (12th place) earned all-conference honors for the Owls. Senior David Estabrook placed 27th, followed by Chaz Beard (32nd) and Phil Gingras (36th).

Senior John Messer attempts to overtake a Keene State runner during the New England Alliance championships at UMass Dartmouth

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WNEC breaks open game late

By JEFF THOMAS
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Western New England College baseball team scored 10 runs in its final two at-bats to erase a 4-3 deficit and beat Rivier 13-4 to open defense of its Great Northeast Athletic Conference title.

Senior Josh Jacobs was a triple shy of the cycle, scoring three runs and driving in two. Garrison Ward and Ryan Kravontka had three hits apiece and Tom Horgan (Westfield) had two, giving him 200 for his career, the first Golden Bear to reach that plateau.

WNEC (23-8) will face Johnson & Wales tomorrow at 3 in Nashua, N.H. Johnson & Wales defeated Suffolk 7-6.

Assumption 10, AIC 0: The Yellow Jackets committed seven errors as they were shut out.

Local roundup

SOFTBALL

UMass 10, Boston Univ. 4: Junior Stacy Cullington set a school record with seven RBIs as the Minutewomen beat the Terriers in Amherst.

Cullington had three hits, two of them home runs and one of them a grand slam for UMass (27-12-1) which has won 16 straight games.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

AIC 13, Franklin Pierce 9: Katie Warner (Westfield) scored five goals and tied a school record with four assists, and Caitlin Mooney scored five goals for American International (2-10).

Norwich 12, Westfield 10: Ally Brown had four goals and Amanda Aborn two goals and an assist but the Owls fell on the road at Norwich.

MEN'S TENNIS

Springfield 5, Coast Guard 0: Ethan Clime and Rahul Bala each won singles matches and teamed up for a doubles win as the Pride opened the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference tournament with a win.

No. 3 Springfield (8-6) will face No. 2 Wheaton tomorrow in the semifinals.

WNEC 8, Johnson & Wales 1: Mike Wilhoft, Peter Houser and Connor Fallon all had singles and doubles wins as the Golden Bears advanced in the GNAC tournament.

WNEC (9-1) will face the winner of Emerson-Suffolk on Sunday at MIT.

GOLF

HCC wins: Jeff Lewis (Easthampton) was the medalist with an 84 as Holyoke Community scored 355 to defeat Springfield Technical (377), Dean (413) and CCRI (414).

Cross Country opens at Trinity Invite

Sept. 2007

MANCHESTER, Conn. - The Westfield State men's cross country team finished fifth in the seven-team Trinity College Invitational held at Wickham Park in Manchester, Conn., on Saturday, Sept. 8.

Trinity won the meet with 22 points, followed by Tufts (43), Rhode Island (103), Roger Williams (105), Westfield (110), AIC (178), and WNEC (183).

John Messer was Westfield's top finisher, placing eighth in 17:05 over the 3.14 mile course. His twin brother, Andy, finished 19th in 17:43.

Owls complete succesful season

ZACH FARLEY
SPORTS REPORTER

The Westfield State men's basketball team returned to the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) Championship game for the second straight year and came within a victory of capturing its first tournament title. Despite falling to Salem State in the championship game the Owls finished 19-9 and defeated all their MASCAC opponents at least once during the season.

The Owls, who were led by senior captain and second team all-conference selection Ryan Mauer, were able to go into a hostile Fitchburg State environment in the MASCAC semifinals and avenge two earlier season losses.

Westfield had tough early-season games and got out to a 2-3 start, but the strong-willed team rallied around each other and got hot. Westfield won its next eight contests for a 10-3 start heading into conference play.

It was a highly competitive season for the conference and it showed in Westfield's play. The Owls' best conference stretch was a 7-2 record, which takes into account big wins at Salem State in overtime, a blowout win against Framingham, and a huge victory on the road at Fitchburg State.

"The overtime win against Salem State was our best of the season, it was an exciting battle that I was glad to be a part of." said Westfield State head coach Rich Sutter.

Westfield State was most of the year by the scoring of senior guard Ryan Mauer, who averaged 15.8 points per game. Mauer was named to the all-conference second team, and finished with 743 career points in his two years at Westfield State.

He led the Owls in free throws made with 117 and also 3-pointers made with 31. In back-to-back wins against Worcester and Salem, Mauer poured in 31 points in both games.

In the first round of the MASCAC tournament, the No. 3 seed Westfield took on a solid Worcester State team. Westfield struggled early but caught fire from behind the arc which helped them pull away. In the effort, younger stars stepped up and made big shots including sophmores Brandon Mauer and Joe Dicruttalo, and freshman Vinny Baker.

Junior captain Dave Jaehnig also was a key factor in the Owls' success. The Quincy native played nearly every position while leading the team in minutes. He was second in scoring, averaging 14.4 points per game. Jaehnig was a first team all-conference selection; he led the Owls in blocked shots and was second in rebounding (5.9 per game).

Powered by an incredible 20-0 run at the start of the second half in the semifinal game at Fitchburg the Owls controlled the inside with forwards Matt Badjo and Drew Pereira. Badjo had 10 points and nine boards, while Pereira went for 12 points on sweet down low moves.

Westfield then moved onto the finals at Salem, a team it had beaten twice during the regular season. With Westfield down just two in the second half 40-38, Salem made a run and Westfield, for the first time all year, couldn't respond.

"Obviously our goal is to win the MASCAC title, but I have to be happy with the production," said Sutter. "There were some who said this team couldn't even make it to .500, but I don't hear them now."

The Owls played a stalwart defense allowing an average of 62.9 points per game, which ties them for 25th nationally in scoring defense.

"We gave a great defensive effort this season" said Sutter. "One of our strengths was we could take out the best player on the other team."

The Owls lose two of their senior captains in Mauer and guard Andrew Deffer. However, they will maintain leadership with Jaehnig and Badjo returning for senior campaigns.

"We are returning seven of our top eight next season. I think we can get guys to keep improving and become more consistent next season." said Sutter. "This group really matured into a unit that understood the game, they started to come together and play well on both ends."

The Owls can also look for leadership from junior point guard Chris Kinback. Besides leading the team in steals and playing tough defense, Kinback is responsible for setting the proper plays on offense.

"The one thing I will remember about this season is that it was a good group of guys." said Ryan Mauer "They were always fired up on the bench and it made for a great year."

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

Baseball (4-5)
3-22: versus Albertus Magnus at 12:00 noon
3-25: versus Elms College at 3:30 p.m.

Softball (5-3)
3-27: versus Elms College at 4:00 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse (0-0)
3-25: versus Lasell at 7:00 p.m.
3-27: versus Norwich at 4:00 p.m.

*Records as of March 18th

PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Jeff Ackerman
Position: Infield
Height: 5'11"
Year: Freshman
Hometown: Beverley

#6

.375 Batting Average
2 Home Runs*
5 RBI

*Team Leader

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Freshman gets hat tri

Agawam's Dionne leads Westfield State

Local roundup

By JASON REMILLARD
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A lot of players got the point for the Westfield State College women's lacrosse team yesterday.

Seven Owls posted multiple-point efforts as they soundly defeated host Rhode Island College 14-5 in Providence. Freshman Rachel Dionne of Agawam led the way with her first collegiate hat trick.

Senior attacker Kasey Rogers of West Springfield added a pair of goals, while freshman midfielder Laura Chiricosta netted two goals and an assist. Westfield (1-1) put the game away with six unanswered goals in the first 16 minutes of the game.

East Longmeadow freshman Alex Hudyka's goal late in the first half gave the Owls a commanding 8-2 edge at halftime. The lead never dipped below six goals in the second half, with Westfield tacking on three insurance goals late to build on an 11-5 cushion.

Freshman goalie Gina Simonetti stopped 13 shots for her first win of the season, with freshman backup Hilary Switzer adding five more saves.

UMass 13, Boston College 10: Kaytlin McCormick and Kathleen Typadis scored four goals apiece to carry the host University of Massachusetts (2-6) to victory at McGuirk Alumni Stadium. Jeanne Villapiano added two goals.

The game was played for the Friends of Jaclyn Murphy Foundation, which benefits children with pediatric brain tumors. UMass and B.C. adopted Lexie Williams and Judith Theriault, each afflicted with the disorder, as their respective honorees.

Norwich 19, AIC 9: Senior Caitlin Mooney of Wilbraham had six goals and an assist for host American International College (0-5).

MEN'S LACROSSE

Loyola 15, UMass 1: The host Minutemen scored the games first goal nearly nine minutes into the first quarter. That's good for a little momentum, right?

Unfortunately, that was far from the case. With the contest tied 1-1 after one quarter at Garber Field, the Greyhounds rattled off seven goals in the second to start the rout.

It was the worst home defeat in UMass history, surpassing a 14-2 loss to Dartmouth on May 22, 1965. The Minutemen were last held to one goal in an 8-1 loss to Brown on April 11, 1964.

Shane Koppens led No. 18 Loyola (4-3, 3-0 ECAC) with a goal and three assists. Evan Blum had his fifth goal of the season for UMass (2-5, 0-1).

Franklin Pierce 13, AIC 6: Freshman Aaron McNab of West Springfield totaled three goals and an assist for the host Yellow Jackets (1-2, 0-2 Northeast-10). Mike Szawlowski of Northampton also scored.

SOFTBALL

UMASS SWEEPS: Samantha Salato went 4 for 6 with two home runs and six RBIs as visiting UMass swept La Salle, 9-0 and 12-2, in an Atlantic-10 Conference doubleheader at Philadelphia.

Salato's two-run homer in the first inning sparked the Minutewomen (14-11, 4-0) in the opener. Whitney Mollica

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Emerson outlasts Westfield in overtime

3/20/08

WESTFIELD – Freshman midfielder Katie Peters (Acton) scored 10 goals to lead Emerson College to a 14-13 overtime victory over Westfield State in women's lacrosse on Wednesday evening, March 19.

Emerson upped its record to 5-2 while it was the season opener for Westfield State.

Westfield State trailed 10-6 at halftime before it mounted a comeback led by sophomore Ally Brown (Andover). Brown scored six goals, including the game-tying goal and go-ahead goals that gave the Owls a 13-12 lead with 1:59 remaining in regulation. Brown was the recipient of a beautiful pass from junior Rachel Costa (Reading) on the go-ahead goal.

But 15 seconds later Peters tied the score to send the game into overtime. Peters then scored the game-winning goal on an unassisted tally 54 seconds into the six-minute overtime stanza.

Westfield had control of the ball at the end of regulation and overtime but was unable to convert.

Emerson's other multiple goal scorer was Jessie Kalikow (Chestnut Hill) with two goals. Westfield freshman midfielder Laura Chiricosta (Lexington) had four goals and an assist.

Emerson goalie Sarah Ebbott recorded nine saves and Westfield goalie Gina Simonetti had eight stops.

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Women's Lacrosse

Westfield State 14, Thomas College 3

Junior Rachel Costa (Reading) posted team highs of four goals and three assists as Westfield State cruised to a 14-3 victory over Thomas College of Waterville, Maine,

Westfield improved to 2-3 overall and 1-0 in the New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance (NEWLA). Thomas is 0-3 both overall and in NEWLA.

The Owls jumped out to a 10-1 halftime lead.

Other top point getters were freshman Rachel Dionne of Feeding Hills (3 goals, 2 assists), sophomore Ally Brown of Andover (3 goals), sophomore Amanda Aborn of Waltham (2 goals), and freshman Laura Chiricosta of Lexington (1 goals, 2 assists).

Megan Denby had two of Thomas' goals.

Junior Missy McNeil of Walpole was the winning goalie; she registered four saves.

Westfield lacrosse relies on WMass talent

By MIKE BOGEN
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Local notebook

The 2008 Westfield State College women's lacrosse team will have a distinct Pioneer Valley flavor, and while that's not Greg Styles' doing, the Owls coach isn't complaining.

Styles is the first-year coach of the two-year-old program that entered the New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance this season and was ranked fourth of eight teams. Nine of the 24 players on Styles' team are products of Pioneer Valley high school programs and those who were not walk-ons were recruited by last year's head coach Jenna Cunningham.

"I was hired first week in January and this was the team that was there," Styles says. "They're very hard workers and they have talent, but we have to grow into good college players. They're doing a good job of it.

"Some were very good high school players, but there's a big difference between high school and college," the coach, who started the women's program at Central Connecticut State University, says. "I was familiar with Western Mass. lacrosse because at one time, I was head coach at Hall (High School in West Hartford, Conn.). Longmeadow, Minnechaug and some other schools are very good."

Styles has two players from Minnechaug, senior Whitney Baugh and junior Kaitlin Welsh, both of whom play both midfield and attacker. He also has three from West Springfield – Rachel Stein, Jess Bruso and Kasey Rogers; Agawam's Rachel Dionne and Tiara Ghedi; East Longmeadow's Alex Hudyka, and Westfield's Michelle Raymond.

Rogers, a tri-captain, Baugh and tri-captain Mandi Baker are the only seniors on a team that graduated only one player. Welsh and Stein are juniors, Ghedi and Bruso are sophomores and Dionne, Raymond and Hudyka are freshmen.

Ghedi, who is also a cheerleader, and Stein, a transfer student, were the only Western Mass. players who Cunningham did not recruit.

Styles is looking forward to seeing how players like Dionne, who is also a former All-Scholastic field hockey player, and Hudyka develop.

"Rachel is going to be a special player and Alex, too. She's (Dionne) got to make the transition, but she's getting it. She can score. With the freshmen I'm trying to teach them to not take a back seat, to step right up."

AMHERST: Defeating Kenyon College, which has won 22 of the last 25 NCAA Division III women's swimming and diving championships may be a Herculean undertaking, but the Lord Jeffs gave it their best shot last weekend, setting six championship meet records as they finished second to Kenyon for the second straight season.

Although Amherst improved its own point total for the three-day meet at Miami of Ohio from 2007's 320 to 341, Kenyon scored 566.5 points, a normal day at the office for the Ladies.

Amherst senior Brittany Sasser, who won, and set NCAA Division III championship records in the 100- and 200-backstroke events to end her career with 13 All-American awards, was recognized as Swimmer of the Meet.

Freshman Kendra Stern set championship records in winning both the 500- and 200-free events, while she, Sasser, junior Erin Morrison and junior Meaghan Stern set a record in winning the 400-free relay. Junior Alexandra Lee joined Sasser and the Stern sisters to shatter Amherst's NCAA III 800-free record by seven seconds, swimming a 7:22.78.

Jeffs coach Nick Nichols was named Swimming Coach of the Meet for the second straight year.

AIC: Senior Alexis Castro has been named to the Daktronics NCAA Division II Women's Basketball All Northeast Region first team.

Castro, last year's Daktronics Northeast Region Player of the Year, stated her case for a repeat this time around, but that honor went to Southern Connecticut's Kate Lynch.

Castro was third in the NE-10 in scoring (18.7 points per game) and rebounding (9.1) as she led the Yellow Jackets to a 17-12 mark. The 2006 transfer from University of Vermont was NE-10 Player of the Week four times and made the ci cuit's honor roll eight tim this season. She finished h brief, two-year, career at Al with 1,039 points and 569 r bounds.

HONORS: Amherst juni Amy Craig scored six goals nearly half her team's total a 13-8 victory – again Springfield College last Thur day to earn the NESCA Women's Lacrosse Player the Week award. It was t second time Craig has won t award; the last coming la April when she scored fi goals in the Jeffs' 7-6 win ov the Pride. … Junior Kel Brown, a former four-time A Scholastic player at Turne Falls High, and sophomo Sara Swepson have bee named NE-10 Player ar Pitcher of the week, respe tively, while the Yellow Jac ets' Dan MacIsaac has bee named that circuit's Freshm of the Week in lacrosse.

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Voice **March 28, 2008**

Westfield lacrosse routs RIC, 14-5

The Rhode Island College women's lacrosse team could not overcome an early deficit this afternoon, falling to Westfield State College 14-5. The Owls improve their record to 1-1, while the Anchorwomen slip to 0-2 on the young season.

Westfield State featured a well-balanced attack as seven players recorded multiple points, led by freshman midfielder Rachel Dionne (Feeding Hill, Mass.). Dionne posted her first collegiate hat trick, while classmate midfielder Laura Chiricosta (Lexington, Mass) also turned in a three-point effort with two goals and an assist.

The Owls cracked the scoring column early and often, putting the contest out of reach in the first 16 minutes of regulation with six unanswered goals. Dionne keyed the surge with three tallies, while Chiricosta added a goal and an assist.

Rhode Island College briefly halted the visitors' run at the 13:48 mark, when Darby cashed in on a free-position goal. Westfield State senior attacker Kasey Rogers (West Springfield, Mass.) and freshman midfielder Alex Hudyka (East Longmeadow, Mass.) each found the back of the net to stretch Owls' advantage to seven, while Conte sent the Anchorwomen into the intermission trailing, 8-2.

Westfield State continued to apply the offensive pressure in the second stanza, not allowing its lead to dip below six goals. Senior attacker Sherri Heard (Coventry, R.I.) scored back-to-back tallies to cut the Anchorwomen deficit to 11-5, but the Owls tacked on three insurance markers to seal their first win of the season.

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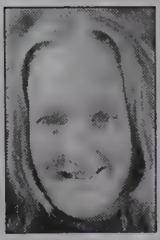
Athol's Gardner is breath of fresh air for Westfield State


Alicia Gardner

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Local notebook

Last spring, after Athol High School bowed in the championship game of the Western Massachusetts Division II softball tournament, pitcher Alicia Gardner said she hoped to play both softball and field hockey at Westfield State College this year.

Well, Gardner is off to a great start.

The high-energy freshman, a three-time All-Scholastic field hockey player at Athol, as well as an All-Scholastic softball player, is third in scoring in the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference. She has five goals and three assists for 13 points.

The MASCAC leader is Westfield State teammate Megan Wolski, who has 10 goals and two assists for 22 points, followed by Framingham's Kristen Sacco with 16 points. Wolski and Sacco have taken 35 and 30 shots, respectively, while Gardner has taken only 10.

"I think that's because I'm a midfielder, and we're always behind them (the forwards), so we get a rebound and shoot. It's only one time," says Gardner.

It's pretty obvious that the tiny Gardner – she goes about 105 pounds – is making an impact. She credits the level of play she found in the A Division in high school.

"More than anything, my high school schedule was good preparation for this. The teams I played against are such a high level. It made the transition a lot easier" she says. "Everything's quicker now, being on turf, and these girls are so good. They were all really good in high school. All the games are tight games, and they're really enjoyable to play in."

Gardner will play softball in the spring, but even as a pitcher in that sport, she doesn't see her role as being less team-oriented.

"It's not really any different to me," she says. "It's just a ball, and you either score a run or score a goal. I always count on my teammates in either sport. You need every part in both sports.

LACROSSE BENEFIT: The Western New England College men's lacrosse team will play a pair of games Sunday at the Stevens Institute of Technology Fall Classic for Fallen Heroes at the De Baun Athletic Complex in Hoboken, N.J.

The Golden Bears will meet Adelphi at 5 p.m. and host Stevens Tech at 7 p.m. in the day-long event. Stevens meets Adelphi in the first contest at 3:45.

General admission tickets are $5 and $2 for students with proper identification. All proceeds from the day's events will go to support the Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund.

Individual donations can be made by mailing a check to CFSRF, P.O. Box 3968, Gaithersburg, MD 20885-3968. Online donations can also be made at www.cfsrf.org/grants/donate.html.

WOHLERS NATIONALLY RANKED: Holyoke Community College sophomore Samantha Wohlers is the top-ranked junior college goalkeeper in New England.

Wohlers, a Holyoke native, has five shutouts for the 6-4-1 Cougars and is rated fifth in the country, with a 1.102 goals-against average, by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Among the teams Wohlers has faced are junior college powers Tompkins-Cortland Community College of Dryden, N.Y., which is ranked eighth in the nation, and seventh-ranked Howard CC.

ELMS HONORS: Elms College senior Neil Daigneault of Ludlow has been named the North Atlantic Conference Golf Player of the Week for his school-record 3-under-par 69 the Rhode Island College quad-match at Triggs Memorial Golf Course in Providence, R.I., last week.

Daigneault had seven birdies and was five shots ahead of the nearest player as he was medalist in the 20-player field.

Freshman outside hitter Jeannette Nunez has been named the North Atlantic Conference Women's Volleyball Player of the Week. She had 44 kills in three matches to help lead the Blazers to 3-0 victories over Becker, Castleton (Vt.) State and Thomas (Maine).

WESTFIELD STATE: Wilbraham's Kate MacClellan, a freshman, was named to the MASCAC weekly women's soccer honor roll for scoring two goals in a 3-0 upset victory at MIT. MacClellan leads the conference in scoring with 20 points (9 goals, two assists).

Senior Elissa Genereux of Belchertown was named to the Mass. State Conference weekly volleyball honor roll for her efforts in three matches last week. She totaled nine kills, 89 assists, 25 digs and five blocks in three matches. Genereux leads the MASCAC in assists per game (9.04).

SPRINGFIELD: Junior Jane Kelleher has been named New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference field hockey player of the week, citing her performance in three victories last week.

It's the second time Kelleher has been named. Including a three-goal, one-assist effort in a 5-1 victory over Smith College Tuesday, after she'd been honored, Kelleher now leads the conference in scoring with 16 goals and five assists for 37 points for the 10-2 Pride.

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Westfield State sweeps Mass. Maritime Academy

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WESTFIELD – The Westfield State baseball team posted two hard-earned victories over Mass. Maritime Academy, 6-5 in 11 innings and 5-3, in its Mass. State Conference opener on Sunday, March 30.

The Owls improved to 8-6 overall and 2-0 in the conference; Mass. Maritime is 10-4 and 0-2.

In the opener, Westfield received a strong relief pitching performance from Steve Sullivan and a game-winning hit from Steve Burndrett in the bottom of the 11th.

In the decisive 11th, Westfield sophomore Jeff Fields blooped a one-out single to right field and Mike Trachtenberg ripped a two-out single to center field, advancing Fields to third base. Burndrett easily legged out a single deep in the hole at shortstop to drive in the winning run.

Mass. Maritime took a 3-0 first-inning lead, with the key hit a two-run single by Gabe Stallions. Westfield tallied twice in the second on a two-run single by Cagney Turner, and tacked on two more runs in the third to take a 4-3 lead. The Owls took a 5-3 lead in the fourth on an RBI groundout by Kevin Lyons following singles by Ben Wagner and Justin Parr.

Mass. Maritime knotted the score he fifth on an RBI triple by A.J. Garstang, who then advanced home on a throwing error.

Sullivan recorded the pitching victory, hurling the final six and two-thirds innings, allowing three hits and two walks. He had no strikeouts.

Westfield outhit Mass. Maritime, 13-11. Rapping two singles each were Wagner, Fields and Trachtenberg.

Alex Foley was 4 for 4 for the Bucs and Gartstang was 2 for 3 with a triple, double and two runs scored.

In the nightcap, Westfield scored all five of its runs in the first two innings to take a 5-0 lead. Six of the Owls' seven hits in the game came in the opening two frames, with the big blow a two-run double by Wagner in the second inning.

Mass. Maritime scored a run in the third on a solo homer by Joe Albano, who was 2 for 4 with two RBI. The Bucs tacked on single runs in their final two at bats, b the Owls held on for another clo victory.

Josh Perches, the second of thre Owl pitchers, was credited with th victory. He hurled three effectiv innings, allowing one run and stril ing out three. Andrew Polifern pitched the seventh and final innin for the save.

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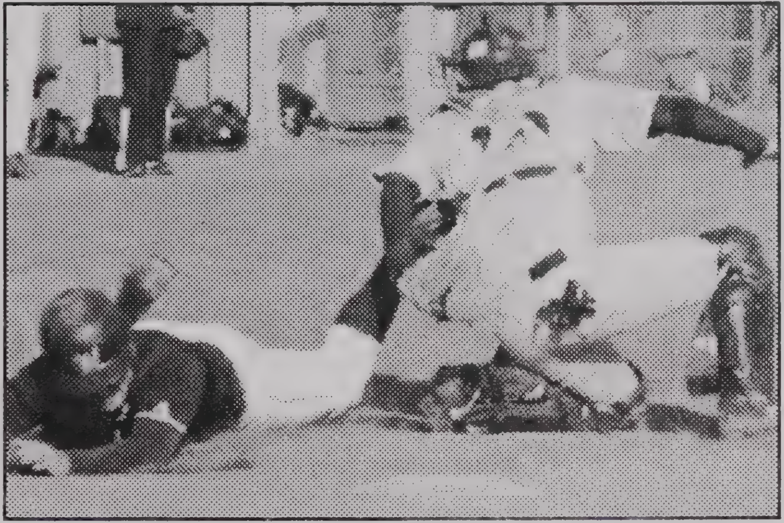

Owl Cagney Turner is tagged out attempting to score from third base on a fly out in the sixth inning of the second game. Westfield State would go on to win that game, however, completing the two-game sweep. (Photo courtesy of Westfield State College)

Softball

Westfield State 10, Mass Maritime 0; Westfield State 17, Mass Maritime 1

The Westfield State softball tea began Mass. State Conference pla with an easy doubleheader sweep Mass. Maritime Academy, 10-0, 17 1, on Sunday, March 30.

The Owls improved to 8-3 ove all. It was the season opener fo Mass. Maritime. Both games laste five innings.

In the opener, Westfield juni standout Chelsea Sylvia (Sout Dartmouth/New Bedford Hig School) hurled a perfect game. Sh struck out 13 of 15 batters faced.

Leadoff batter Jackie Maso (Florida, Mass./Drury High School was 2 for 3 with two doubles and

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two RBI. Sophomore Danielle Lutenegger (Sunderland) was 2 for 3 with two runs scored and an RBI, and sophomore designated hitter Kim Brennan was 2 for 3 with two runs scored and a double.

In the second game, Westfield crossed the plate 12 times in its first at bat. The Owls outhit the Bucs, 16-3. Sophomore Allison Allen of Peabody was 4 for 5 with two doubles and three RBI. Junior Lindsay Jardin was 2 for 3 with two RBI and Kristyn Carroll was 2 for 4 with a triple and three RBI.

Sophomore Gia Calabrese (West Springfield) and junior Katie Gorman (Feeding Hills) were both 2 for 4 with two RBI and two runs scored. One of Calabrese's hits was a double.

2007-2008

Early lead holds up for Owls

3/26/08

WESTFIELD – Westfield State jumped out to an early 5-0 lead and held on for an 8-5 baseball victory over Elms College on a cold and blustery day.

The Owls evened their record at 5-5 heading into Wednesday's game at Amherst College. Elms dropped to 3-8.

Westfield State sent 10 batters to the plate in the second inning in scoring five runs, including a hit batsman with the bases loaded, on five hits. The big blow was a two-run single by Justin Parr.

Elms College scored a run in the third and four runs in the fifth to tie the score. The third-inning run was unearned as were three of the

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fourth-inning runs.

Elms had five hits during the nine-inning game, and four of them came in the fourth-inning uprising, including RBI singles by Joe Ferry (Palmer) and Nick Mackowiak.

Westfield broke the 5-5 tie with two runs in the home half of the fifth. Junior catcher Adam Franke (Monson) laced a two-out RBI double down the left field line. Mike Trachtenberg, who had reached safely on a two-out bunt, scored on a wild pitch to make it 7-5.

The Owls scored their final run in the seventh on a hit and two errors.

Westfield State designated hitter Kevin Lyons was 2 for 4 with a double and an RBI. Trachtenberg was 2 for 4 with two runs scored and Franke was 2 for 3 with his RBI double.

Freshman center fielder Rob Reyome of Westfield (Westfield High School) doubled for one of the Blazers' five hits.

Westfield sophomore Jeff Fields of Pittsfield pitched the final two innings to notch the save.

Women's Lacrosse
Lasell 13, Westfield State 12

Freshman Christina Canavan (Stonington, CT) scored seven goals to lead Lasell College to a hard-earned 13-12 victory over Westfield State in women's lacrosse action on Tuesday evening, March 25.

It was the first victory of the season for 1-4 Lasell. Westfield drops to 1-2 as it sustained its second one-goal setback.

Lasell scored four straight goals in the early going to take a 5-1 lead that it never relinquished. The teams traded goals throughout most of the game and the Owls trailed at halftime, 9-6.

Westfield trailed early in the second half, 10-6, then scored four of the next five goals to close within a point, 11-10, with 10 minutes remaining.

The Owls had an opportunity to tie the score several minutes later, but Lasell goalie Tashell Morrison made one of her five second-half saves.

Lasell quickly went back on top, 13-10, on two quick goals by Canavan and junior Caitlyn Murphy (Katonah, NY), who finished with five goals.

Westfield then scored in a minute span on goals by junior Kaitlin Welsh (Wilbraham) and freshman Rachel Dionne (Feeding Hills) to trail by a point, 13-12, with 3:23 remaining.

Lasell ran out in the clock in the final minutes to hold on for the victory.

Dionne and freshman Laura Chiricosta (Lexington) both tallied four goals, while Ally Brown had two goals.

2007-2008

Westfield State baseball team ready for seaso

By JEFF HANOUILLE
Staff Writer

3/6/08

WESTFIELD – The Owls baseball team is flying south this weekend, kicking off the 2008 season with 10 games in the Orlando, Fla. area.

The defending Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC) champions, Westfield State made the NCAA Division III tournament for the first time in 23 years last season.

And this Saturday in a doubleheader versus Kings College, Pa., the Owls will begin their quest to repeat as MASCAC champions.

"I think we're going to be very good this year," said Westfield State coach Ray Arra. "We're more mature, stronger, and we have better pitching. I expect us to play better than we did last year."

If that's the case, the rest of the conference is in trouble.

The Owls posted a dominant 11-3 record in conference play last season, propelling them to the MASCAC title.

And with every player returning from the 2007 squad, with a few new faces, Arra expects big things from his team.

"I expect everybody to have a big year," he said. "I'm looking forward to see what all of them can do. They've been working out from October to Januar week, lifting, running and throwing. So they should be ready."

Last season, the Owls went 3-7 in their annual Florida trip.

This year, Arra said, he would like to see the team go at least .500.

"We'd like to win every game, but if we can go .500 we'll be in good shape," he said. "We're really at a disadvantage when we play teams down there because they've already been down there for a while playing in other games. But if we can go 5-5 I'll be happy."

Arra said the team knows the trip to Florida is a "baseball trip," not a

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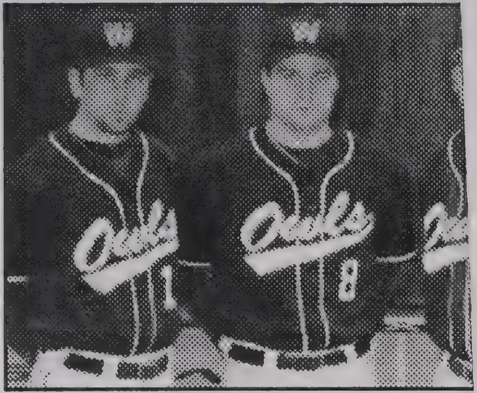

Westfield State baseball captains for t right: Justin Parr, Cagney Turner, S Vautrin. The Owls leave for Florida on for their annual spring training trip. T the Orlando area. (Photo courtesy of Westf

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vacation, and that playing a lot of baseball helps the team stay focused.

"We have meetings occasionally but we're going to be playing a lot of baseball," he said. "We have fun playing baseball, and the kids know this is a business trip."

Arra said sophomore Andrew Polifemo will get the start in the first game of the season, and that the trip to Florida is usually a great way for him to assess his pitching staff.

"This is my chance to see who my weekday pitchers are and who my weekend pitchers are," he said. "The weekend pitchers are a little more mature, so we'll see what happens."

Returning this year for the Owls is captain Justin Parr, a shortstop who hit .324 as the team's No. 2 hitter last season and a MASCAC all-conference selection.

Also coming back this season is last year's MASCAC rookie of the year, Ben Wagner, who hit an amazing .407 as the Owls' leadoff hitter last year.

Other notable returnees include Garrett Kendziera (3B), Cagney Turner (1B), Adam Franke (C), Jay Brown (OF), Scott McIntyre (OF), Mike Trachtenberg (OF), Jeff Fields (P), Jesse Vermeersch (P), Steve Burndrett (P/DH), Ken Vautrin (P) and Steve Sullivan (P).

"This trip is going to be a good challenge for us," Arra said. "We're going to see what we're made of and see how mentally tough we are."

The Owls will leave for Florida Friday morning.

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Green, Vautrin pitch Westfield State to 7-3 victory over Springfield

WESTFIELD – Westfield State received solid pitching from freshman starter Joe Green (Worcester/St. John's) and senior reliever Ken Vautrin (South Hadley) to pull away for a 7-3 baseball victory over Springfield College on March 27.

The Owls evened their record at 6-6 while Springfield dropped to 3-8.

Westfield committed six errors in the game, but Green and Vautrin kept Springfield from coming up with the big hits as the Pride stranded 11 baserunners.

Green hurled the first five innings to notch the victory; he allowed three hits and two walks and fanned four. Vautrin recorded the save, allowing four hits, a walk, and an unearned run in four innings.

Westfield snapped a 2-2 tie with a run in the bottom of the fifth when Justin Parr double, stole third and scored on Kevin Lyons' groundout.

The Owls tallied another run in the seventh and three more runs on four hits in the eighth. Lyons rapped a runscoring single in the eighth for his second RBI.

Westfield junior outfielder Brad King was 3 for 4 with a double. Freshman catcher Pete Hogan was 2 for 2 with a double and an RBI and Mike Trachtenberg was 2 for 5 with an RBI.

Junior left fielder John Procopio was 2 for 3 for the Pride and Ryan Tatreau had an RBI double.

Sophomore Michael Cole of Greenfield hurled seven innings to suffer the mound setback.

SOFTBALL
Westfield State 9, Elms College 2

Westfield State snapped a 2-2 tie by scoring four runs in the fifth and three more in the sixth to defeat Elms College, 9-2, in softball action on Thursday, March 27.

It was the home opener for Westfield, which boosted its record to 6-3. Elms is 5-5.

The Owls outhit the Blazers, 13-5. Four players had multiple hits: senior second baseman Jen Raymond was 3 for 4 with two doubles and two RBI; sophomore catcher Gia Calabrese (West Springfield) was 3 for 4 with a double and two RBI; sophomore outfielder Danielle Lutenegger (Sunderland/Frontier Regional) was 2 for 4 with two doubles and three RBI, and junior first baseman Katie Gorman (Feeding Hills) was 3 for 4 with two doubles. Junior center fielder Jackie Mason (Florida, Mass./Drury) was 1 for 2 with a triple and RBI.

Raymond ripped the game-winning hit, a two-run double to left-center field in the fifth.

Winning pitcher Chelsea Sylvia allowed five hits, no earned runs, a walk and struck out six.

Junior second baseman Kerri Bowden (Chicopee) smacked a double.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE
Norwich University 15, Westfield State 14

Sophomore Ally Daniels (Concord, N.H.) scored seven goals, including the game-winner as the final horn sounded, to lead Norwich University to a thrilling 15-14 women's lacrosse victory at Westfield State on Thursday, March 27.

Norwich evened its record at 1-2 while Westfield dropped to 1-3 with another tough defeat. The Owls have dropped all three games by a goal: 14-13 in overtime, 13-12, and 15-14.

Westfield jumped out to an early 8-3 lead, but Norwich scored five unanswered goals in the final 11:28 of first half to tie the score.

The teams traded goals for most of the second half until Norwich inched ahead, 14-12. Westfield then tied the score on a goal by Ally Brown with three minutes remaining and an Amanda Aborn goal at the 2:21mark.

Daniels then delivered the game-winner minutes later, with the ball going into the net just as the final horn sounded.

Chelsea Martin (Barre, Vt.) tallied three goals for the Cadets. Brown led the Owls with six goals, and freshmen Rachel Dionne (Feeding Hills) and Laura Chiricosta had three goals apiece.

2007-2008

Westfield feels like sharing

4/28/08

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State baseball team clinched a share of Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) regular season championship by splitting a doubleheader with Salem State on Saturday.

The Owls, 19-13-1 overall, dropped the opener 9-0 but came back to win the nightcap, 9-1. Westfield, which won the MASCAC crown outright in 2007, finishes 9-5 in the conference, tying for the top spot with Worcester State. Salem State, 25-13 overall, finishes MASCAC play with an 8-6 record.

Salem and Westfield were both 8-5 in the MASCAC following the Vikings' 9-0 rout in the opener. They tacked on two runs in the fourth and fifth inning and broke it open with a five-run uprising in the sixth.

Former Westfield State player Rob Coppola (Revere) paced Salem's 11-hit attack, going 3 for 4 with a triple, two RBI and two runs scored. Leadoff batter Bobby Celentano was 3 for 4 and Ryan Kane was 2 for 3 with a double and two RBI. Anthony Palmieri was 2 for 3 with a double and RBI.

Scott McIntrye had two of the Owls' six hits. Winning pitcher Ken Luongo walked two and struck out two in the complete game seven-inning shutout.

In the decisive second game, the Owls ended the drama early by erupting for six runs in the third inning to take a 7-0 lead. Cagney Turner rapped a two-run double, and Justin Parr, Ben Wagner and Mike Trachtenberg had RBI singles.

Westfield out-hit Salem, 9-7. Wagner and second baseman Sean

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in the conference's double elimination tournament.

In the opener, the Owls took advantage of four Viking errors for the key victory. Westfield scored two runs on two errors and a hit to take a 2-1 first-inning lead.

Salem tied the score in the fourth inning on a solo homer by sophomore catcher Amanda Scola.

Westfield scored the winning run in the fifth on a throwing error from the outfield when Allison Allen was going from first to third on Kim Brennan's single up the middle.

Westfield scored another unearned run in the sixth on a throwing error down the right field line on a sacrifice bunt.

Salem threatened to score in the sixth when the first two batters singled.

But Owl pitcher Chelsea Sylvia got the next two batters to fly out and recorded the final big out on a called third strike.

Salem had a runner at second base with two outs in the seventh when Sarah Funk flied out to deep left field to end the game.

Both teams collected five hits. Scola was the only player with more than one hit.

Sylvia did not issue a walk and struck out nine in boosting her pitching record to 13-5.

In the second game, sophomore center fielder Jess Baird delivered the game-winning hit, a two-run homer in the sixth that snapped a 1-1 tie.

Westfield closed to within a run, 3-2, in the home half of the sixth on an RBI single by Alicia Gardner, but the Owls left runners stranded at first and third.

Salem State made two outstanding catches in the outfield in the seventh inning to preserve the victory.

Westfield outhit Salem, 8-6. Gardner, Danielle Lutenegger and Brennan each had two singles. Taylor Orlando was 2 for 3 with an RBI for the Vikings.

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Westfield State splits with Framingham State

4/22/08

FRAMINGHAM – The Framingham State College baseball team split a Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) doubleheader at home today with Westfield State. The Owls won the first game 5-1 and the Rams won the second 3-2 in thrilling fashion.

Despite the split the Owls remain in sole possession of first place in the MASCAC with an 8-4 record. MCLA owns a 6-4 record and there is a logjam with four teams each with five losses, including Salem State. Westfield State, 18-11-1 overall, hosts Salem State on Saturday, April 26, in a huge doubleheader that concludes the conference regular season. The top four teams advance to the conference postseason tournament.

Sophomore pitcher Jesse Vermeersch (Marlboro, MA) picked up the win in game one for the Owls as he went the distance and faced one batter over the minimum. Vermeersch went seven innings and allowing one earned run on three hits while striking out seven.

The Owls took a 1-0 lead in the second inning as sophomore designated hitter Kevin Lyons (Braintree, MA) hit a solo home run to right. The Owls added single runs in the fifth and sixth to extend their lead to 3-0.

The Rams opened their half of the sixth with back to back singles from juniors Billy Capen (Franklin, MA) and Matt Nicholson (Watertown, MA) and were able to push a single run across to cut the Owls lead to 3-1. The Owls added two more runs in the top of the seventh to finish the scoring.

Lyons and Ben Wagner collected five of the Owls' seven hits. Wagner was 3 for 4 with a run scored and two RBI, and Lyons was 2 for 3 with his solo homer.

Softball

Framingham State 6, Westfield State 2; Westfield State 7, Framingham State 4

The Westfield State softball team rallied from a 4-0 first-inning defict for a 7-4 victory to earn a doubleheader split with Framingham State on Monday.

In the opener, a five-run fifth-inning uprising lifted Framingham

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State to a 6-2 victory.

Westfield is now 20-10 overall and 9-3 in the conference. The Owls host Salem State, 7-5 in the conference, in key games next Saturday.

In the opener, Westfield pitcher Chelsea Sylvia was cruising with a 2-0 lead with the bases empty and two outs in the fifth. But things began to fall apart of the Owls. A walk, an infield single and an RBI single made the score 2-1. Westfield's left fielder then lost a ball in the sun that went for a two-run double. When the inning was over, Framingham had collected four of its seven hits. Sylvia finished with three walks, all in the fatal fifth.

Adrienne Walker and Allison Allen rapped RBI singles for Westfield and LIndsay Jardin was 2 for 3.

In the second game, Westfield pitcher Casey Riddell got off to another slow start, allowing four first-inning runs. But she settled down once again and held the Rams scoreless the final six innings. In addition, she pitched out of big jams in the fourth and fifth innings when Framingham had runners and second and third with one out.

Riddell allowed seven hits and two walks and struck out three, including the final two batters she faced.

The Rams stranded eight runners on the bases and committed five errors as all but one of Westfield's runs were unearned.

Westfield scored a run in the second inning on an RBI triple by freshman shortstop Alicia Gardner, who also delivered a two-run single in Westfield's four-run fourth inning. The game-winning blow was a two-run single by senior second baseman Jen "Scoops" Raymond.

The Owls added insurance tallies on an RBI groundout in the sixth by Gardner and on an RBI triple in the seventh by Katie Gorman.

Gardner was 2 for 3 with a triple and four RBI and Gorman was 2 for 4.

2007-2008

Western New England drops Westfield State

4-25-08

WESTFIELD – Junior left fielder Mike Beck (Whitesboro, NY) was 3 for 5 with a triple and three RBI, and junior center fielder Chris Newell (Wallingford, CT) was 3 for 5 with two RBI to lead Western New England College to a 7-3 victory over Westfield State on Thursday.

Western New England boosted its record to 25-11 following the non-conference victory, while Westfield State moved to 18-11-1.

WNEC jumped out to a 3-0 first-inning lead, scoring all of its runs with the bases empty and two outs. The big blow was Beck's two-run triple down the right field line.

Westfield scored twice in the home half of the first on an RBI single by Kevin Lyons to right field, with the second run scoring on a fielding misplay on the hit.

WNEC made the score 4-2 in the fifth on an RBI single by Beck. Westfield closed to within a run again, 4-3, in the seventh on a double by Terrence O'Brien and Scott McIntyre's RBI single.

WNEC widened its lead with a three-run uprising in the eighth inning; the key hit was Newell's two-run single down the left field line.

The Owls managed a mild threat in their final at bat when they loaded the bases with two outs, but relief pitcher Matt Rogers struck out Lyons to end the game.

WNEC out-hit Westfield, 13-10, and both teams stranded nine base runners.

Winning pitcher Jason Pizzoferrato (Windsor, CT) improved his record to 6-0. The junior righty threw eight innings, allowing eight hits and two walks and striking out six.

McIntrye, Ben Wagner and Brad King each collected two hits for Westfield.

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ON CAMPUS: Westfield State freshman outfielder Lindsay Jardin was named Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference softball co-player of the week. Jardin recorded nine hits in 21 at bats with five runs scored and two RBIs. She was 4 for 6 with three runs scored and an RBI during Westfield's sweep of Worcester State . . .

Owls tune up for tournament with home win

5/1/08

WESTFIELD – Westfield State banged 17 hits in cruising to a 17-4 victory over Wesleyan University in non-conference baseball action Wednesday..

Westfield boosted its record to 20-13-1 heading into the Mass. State Conference (MASCAC) postseason tournament. The No. 1 seed Owls host Bridgewater State on Thursday, May 1, at 3:00 p.m. in the first round of the double elimination tournament. The tournament semifinals and finals will be played at Westfield State on Saturday and Sunday, with the champion receiving an automatic berth to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Wesleyan drops to 15-19; the Cardinals conclude their regular season on Saturday when they host undefeated Trinity College (32-0) in a doubleheader.

Westfield turned in its best hitting effort of the season as it bolted to an 11-0 lead after three innings.

The Owls' hitting star was sophomore designated hitter Kevin Lyons who was 3 for 4 with a double, triple and four RBI.

Scott McIntyre was 2 for 3 with three RBI and Jeff Fields was 2 for 5 with two RBI. Justin Parr and Mike Trachtenberg both belted a double and two singles and sophomore catcher Terrence O'Brien pounded two doubles.

Garrett Lamborn and Tim Truncelitto collected half of Wesleyan's eight hits; both were 2-for-2.

Freshman Joe Green, the first of six Westfield pitchers, hurled the first three innings to receive credit for the victory

OWLS BOUNCED FROM TOURNEY

The Bridgewater State College women's lacrosse team advanced to the championship game of the 2008 New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance (NEWLA) Tournament as the top-seeded Bears downed fourth-seeded Westfield State, 22-8, Wednesday in Bridgewater.

BSC (13-4) will be making its first appearance in the NEWLA title game since the 2004 season.

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2007-2008

McIntrye boosts Westfield St. past Bridgewater in 8-3 win

5/2/08

WESTFIELD – Junior right fielder Scott McIntyre was 2 for 4 with a double and four RBI to lead Westfield State to an 8-3 victory over Bridgewater State in an opening round game of the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) Tournament.

Westfield, 21-13-1 overall, will play Worcester State in the winners' bracket game of the double-elimination tournament. Worcester State edged Salem State, 7-6, in 10 innings on Thursday.

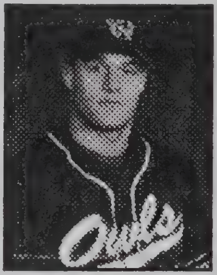
The remaining games of the double elimination tournament will be hosted by Westfield State. In Saturday's first of three games, Bridgewater (22-14) plays Salem State (25-14) at 10:00 a.m. Westfield hosts Worcester State (21-16) at 1:00 p.m.

Bridgewater took a short-lived 1-0 first-inning lead on singles by Mark Claffey and Steve Smith and a sacrifice fly by Kelly LaDow. Westfield responded with three runs in the home half of the first as Bridgewater pitcher Jeff Sarahs got off to a shaky start.

Brad King led off with a single and Kevin Lyons and Jeff Fields walked to load the bases. McIntyre then ripped a two-run single to left-center field. Mike Trachtenberg blooped an RBI single to left field for a 3-1 Owl lead.

Westfield tacked on another run in the third when Jeff Fields tripled to left-center and scored on McIntyre's groundout.

Both teams scored a run in both the sixth and seventh innings. The Bears made it 5-3 on Smith's solo home run in the seventh. McIntyre gave the Owls a 6-3 lead when he smashed an RBI double off the left field fence.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The Owls tallied twice in the eighth on Justin Parr's RBI groundout and a wild pitch to close out the scoring.

Westfield out-hit Bridgewater, 11-9.

King - the Owls' speedy leadoff hitter - was 2 for 5 with two runs scored. Fields was 2 for 2 with three runs scored and Ben Wagner - hitting in the No. 9 spot - was 2 for 3 with an RBI.

Steve Lambert, Brian Medeiros and Smith had two hits for the Bears.

Winning pitcher Steve Sullivan hurled the first six innings, allowing two runs, eight hits and two walks while striking out two.

WESTFIELD SHUTS DOWN SALEM

Junior Chelsea Sylvia (South

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Dartmouth) fired a four-hit shutout and struck out 12 to power Westfield to a 5-0 victory over Salem State in the first round of the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MACAC) tournament Thursday.

Westfield, 22-11, advances to the winners' bracket of the four-team, double-elimination tournament where it squares off against rival Bridgewater State, which opened tournament play with a 4-2 victory over Framingham.

The remaining games of the tournament will be hosted by Bridgewater State.

In Saturday's 11:00 a.m. game, Salem State plays Framingham State. Westfield plays Bridgewater State at 1:30.

Sylvia came with her "A game" as she struck out the side in the first inning and had nine strikeouts thru four innings.

She did not issue a walk.

Westfield scored its first run in the third inning when sophomore catcher Gia Calabrese (West Springfield) ripped a two-out double and scored on single by Jackie Mason (Florida, Mass./Drury HS).

Westfield made it 2-0 in the fourth when Allison Allen (Peabody) doubled down the right field line and scored on a double by freshman shortstop Alicia Gardner (Athol).

The Owls scored their final three runs in the fifth inning on four hits, with the bases empty and two outs.

Katie Gorman (Feeding Hills) and Adrienne Walker (Springfield Sci-Tech) rapped run-scoring singles.

Allen was the only player with multiple hits in the Owls' balanced eight-hit attack.

She was 2 for 3 with two doubles and two runs scored.

2007-2008

Owls lose MASCAC title game

5/5/08

Worcester	**9**
Westfield	**4**

WESTFIELD – Worcester State snapped a 4-4 tie with a four-run, seventh-inning uprising in a 9-4 victory over Westfield State in the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) baseball tournament championship game on Sunday.

Worcester State, 23-16 and riding a nine-game winning streak, earns and automatic berth to the NCAA Division III Tournament. The Lancers also claimed tournament titles in 2002 and 2005.

Westfield State, the 2007 tournament champion and 2008 regular season co-champion with Worcester, is 22-15-1.

Despite being out-hit 14-6, the Owls - the designated visiting team - held a 4-3 lead after six and a half innings. Several of Worcester's five errors helped contribute to two unearned Westfield runs.

Westfield took a 1-0 first-inning lead when Brad King led off with a walk, stole second, advanced to third on a groundout and scored on Scott McIntyre's groundout on a close play at the plate.

Worcester scored three runs on four hits to take a 3-1 third-inning lead. Key hits were an RBI double by Chris Logan and an RBI single

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Westfield St. beats Neece, ends RIC's win streak

Former Westfield High School Bomber and current Rhod Island College pitcher Melanie Neece sets before delivering pitch to a Westfield State Owl batter. Westfield won the game, 0. Neece had 10 strikeouts. (Submitted photo/Rhode Island College)

PROVIDENCE, RI—Rhode Island College and Westfield State split a doubleheader Thursday afternoon at the Dayna A. Bazar Softball Complex in a battle of conference leaders. RIC, currently ranked No. 1 in New England and holding the top spot in the Little East Conference, saw a 19-game winning streak come to an end in game one, but rebounded to take the nightcap. The Owls (19-7) stunned the Anchorwomen (25-5) in game one, ending the contest in just six innings with an 8-0 shutout. Junior pitcher Chelsea Sylvia (South Dartmouth) held the high-powered RIC offense to just two hits and struck out eight en route to her 12th win (12-3) of the season.

Westfield State took a 1-0 lead in the third, scoring on a throwing error. The Owls gave Sylvia all the support she'd need in the contest by putting an additional four runs across in the fourth. Junior center fielder Jackie Mason (Florida, MA) belted a two-run triple and junior right fielder Lindsay Jardin (Assonet) chipped in with an RBI double.

RIC freshman pitcher Melanie Neece (Westfield) struggled against her hometown team, allowing eight runs, six of which were earned, on 10 hits, while striking out 10 in a losing effort (13-2). Mason went 1-for-3 with two runs scored and two RBI from the top spot in the order, while Jardin was 3-for-3 with one run scored and one RBI.

The Anchorwomen responded in game two, capitalizing on two Owl errors to plate seven runs on six hits in the second inning to put the contest out of reach and log an 8-0 win. Sophomore pitcher Jenna Deveines (Lowville, NY) earned her 11th win (11-2), throwing a three-hit shutout, while striking out one. Westfield State junior Casey Riddell (Athol, MA) was the hard-luck loser (5-4), allowing just one earned run on seven hits in two innings ofwork. Sophomore Sam Prouty (Auburn, MA) came on in the third, allowi one run on two hits in two innings

RIC freshman right fielder Chel Panarelli (Shrewsbury, MA) went for-2 with one run scored and tv RBI, while senior first basem Christie Lotti (Waterford, CT) we 2-for-3 with one run scored and RBI. Freshman second basem Amanda Perry (New Bedford, M went 1-for-2 with two runs scored

Baseball

Keene State 8, Westfield Stat 1

The Keene State College baseb team extended its winning streak a season high seven games with a 1 victory over Westfield State in

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2007-2008

Bower spins pair of 2-hitters

5/2/08

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Local colleges

Most softball pitchers will gladly give up four hits in a game if her team wins the game. Four hits in two games combined is even better, especially come the postseason.

Western New England College junior hurler Laura Bower fashioned a pair of two-hitters yesterday as her Golden Bears defeated Salve Regina, 5-0, and host Nichols College, 4-2, in The Commonwealth Coast Conference tournament at Dudley.

Bower struck out eight batters in both games en route to her 18th and 19th wins of the season. No. 3-seed WNEC 12) will take on top-seed tt at 5 p.m. today in n the next phase of the double-elimination tourney.

Meredith Pacelli and Allison Glassick homered for WNEC in the opener against Salve Regina.

Westfield St. 5, Salem St. 0: Junior Chelsea Sylvia spun a four-hit shutout with 12 strikeouts as host Westfield opened the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference tournament on a winning note.

The No. 2-seed Owls (22-11) will face No. 1 and host Bridgewater State in a winners' bracket contest at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Alicia Gardner of Athol, Katie Gorman of Feeding Hills and Adrienne Walker of Springfield each had RBI hits for the Owls.

BASEBALL

Westfield St. 8, Bridgewater St. 3: Junior Scott McIntyre drove in four runs as part of a 2 for 4 day, as the host Owls prevailed in the opening round of the MACAC tournament.

Top-seeded Westfield (21-13-1) hosts No. 2 Worcester State in a winners' bracket game tomorrow.

WNEC 3, Curry 2: Chris Anderson scattered eight hits over nine innings with nine strikeouts and five walks as visiting WNEC (29-11) advanced in the TCCC tournament at Milton.

The Golden Bears advance to a winners bracket game tomorrow against a team to be determined.

AIC 8, Pace 7: Jeff Rustico drove in the go-ahead run in the bottom of the eighth for host American International College (10-28, 8-19 Northeast-10) prevailed on Senior Day.

MEN'S LACROSSE

WNEC 16, Salve Regina 5: Seniors Jon Hayes and Travis Brown each had a hat trick for host WNEC (12-4) in a TCCC semifinal. The Golden Bears play top-seeded Endicott in Saturday's final at 1 p.m. in Beverly.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Roger Williams 10, WNEC 7: Lindsey Fenton of Pelham and Kayte Devine had two goals each, though the visiting Golden Bears (15-4) bowed in a TCCC semifinal at Providence, R.I.

WESTFIELD ATHLETICS

Softball Sweeps Western Connecticut

Freshman shortstop Alicia Gardner was perfect at the plate in a huge doubleheader sweep of Western Connecticut. She was 6 for 6, including a homer and triple in the opener. She also had a sacrifice bunt.

Game One Box Score

Game Two Box Score

DANBURY, Conn. - It took nearly five hours to play, but it was well worth the wait for the Westfield State College softball team as it swept a doubleheader against Western Connecticut State University, 8-5 and 13-12 on a very cold night at Westside Field Wednesday night.

In the opener, WestConn took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning when Brittany Finkeldey (Ivoryton, CT) hit a sacrifice fly to plate Loren Angiolillo (Wolcott, CT).

With a 2-1 lead in the top of the second, Jen Raymond gave the Owls a 5-1 lead with a long three-run home run in the top of the third inning off WestConn starter Shelby Slie (Seymour, CT). It was her first home run of the season.

Slie was replaced after Gia Calabrese led off with a double off the fence in left in the fourth. Slie's replacement Kara Cullinane (Lindenhurst, NY) gave up a two-run home run to the only batter she faced, Alicia Gardner.

The Colonials scored an unearned run in the bottom of the third. Angiolillo scored on a throwing error by Raymond.

The Owls tacked on two more runs when Alicia Gardner belted a two-run home run over the wall in right field.

WestConn drew within three runs with two runs in the fifth. Stacey DiMaggio (Hopewell Junction, NY) had an RBI single after Kristen Lugovich scored on a wild pitch by Westfield starter Chelsea Sylvia.

The visitors added an insurance run in the sixth when Gardner scored from third base on a throwing error by DiMaggio.

The Colonials put a run on the board in the bottom of the seventh but any idea of a comeback was squashed by Sylvia. She improves to 6-2 on the season after going the distance, striking out four and walking three.

Offense was ominous in the nightcap as the two teams combined for 25 runs and 27 hits.

The Owls, 10-3, scored six runs in the second and third innings but the Colonials nearly matched their opponents with five in the bottom half of the second and six more in the third.

Gardiner continued a sizzling bat by going 4-for-4 to lead Westfield's hitting attack. Katie Gorman had a double and two hits and drove in a team-high four RBI in game two. Lindsay Jardin went 3-for-5 with three RBI and two runs scored.

WestConn, 12-6, received a load of production from the top of its order with Angiolillo going 3-for-4 with a game-high five RBI and three runs scored. Lugovich and Finkeldey each had a pair of hits in four at bats.

Casey Riddell came on in relief of starter Sam Prouty in the third and earned the victory. She improves to 2-1 on the season after allowing three runs on seven hits and striking out two.

Amanda Caouette (Watertown, CT) (0-1) took the loss despite being the most effective pitcher for the Colonials on the night. She allowed two unearned runs on five hits, struck out six and walked two.

Westfield State plays another tough opponent on Thursday when it hosts Keene State in a doubleheader beginning at 3:00 p.m. The twinbill had been originally scheduled to be played at Keene State, but poor field conditions persist in New Hampshire.

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Owls Romp In Season Opener

Box Score

CLERMONT, Fla. - The Westfield State softball team opened its 2008 season by blasting Daniel Webster College, 15-1, on Sunday, March 9.

The Owls broke open the game with an 11-run explosion in the second inning.

Four players had big days at the plate for the Owls: Jackie Mason (three-run triple), Alicia Gardner (double, single, three RBI), Adriene Walker (triple, double, two RBI) and Lindsay Jardin (two singles, three RBI).

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Westfield Routs Daniel Webster, 14-2

Adrienne Walker

Box Score

CLERMONT, Fla. - The Westfield State softall team scored eight first-inning runs in a 14-2 five-inning rout of Daniel Webster College on Thursday, March 13.

The Owls banged 16 hits led by senior third baseman Adrienne Waker of Springfield (Sci-Tech). Walker was 2 for 3 with four RBI - a runscoring double and a three-run homer, both in the first inning.

Freshman shortstop Alicia Gardner (Athol) and freshman second baseman Kristyn Carroll (Brockton) were both 2 for 3 with a double and three RBI. Junior first baseman Katie Gorman (Feeding Hills) pounded two doubles.

Sophomore Sam Prouty (Auburn) was the winning pitcher. She allowed no earned runs, three hits and no walks and struck out three.

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Westfield State vs The College of NJ (Mar 14, 2008)

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Box score (NCAA)

2008 Westfield State Baseball
Westfield State vs The College of NJ
Mar 14, 2008 at Clermont, FL (Nat. Training Center)

Westfield State 2 (5-3)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Jackie Mason cf..........	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Lindsay Jardin rf........	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Kim Brennan lf...........	2	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0
Katie Gorman 1b..........	3	0	1	1	0	2	9	0	1
Adrienne Walker 3b.......	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1
Jen Raymond 2b...........	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Lisa Donahue ss..........	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	0
Gia Calabrese c..........	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Kristyn Carroll dh.......	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alicia Gardner p.........	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Totals..................	23	2	2	1	1	6	21	9	3

The College of NJ 1 (5-5)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Ellen Seavers ss.........	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Colleen Cawley rf........	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christina Lizzi 1b.......	3	0	2	0	0	0	4	1	0
Steph Cintron pr........	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rachel Greeby 3b.........	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Danielle Hagel cf........	3	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	1
Alex Sietsma dh..........	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amy Ullrich ph..........	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lauren Musacchia c.......	3	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	0
Kathy Sikora 2b..........	2	0	2	0	0	0	6	3	0
Camille Heller ph.......	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaine Boccafola lf......	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Tayler Cianciotti ph....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jamie Matrioanni ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jamie Moir p.............	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Totals..................	27	1	6	1	0	0	21	7	5

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Westfield State.....	002 000 0 -	2	2	0
The College of NJ...	010 000 0 -	1	6	2

E - E. Seavers; K. Sikora. LOB - Westfield 3; TCNJ 5. 2B - D. Hagel. SH - Mason; Brennan. SB - E. Seavers; D. Hagel.

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Westfield State        IP  H  R ER BB SO AB BF
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Alicia Gardner......  7.0  6  1  1  0  0 27 27

The College of NJ      IP  H  R ER BB SO AB BF
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Jamie Moir..........  7.0  2  2  0  1  6 23 26
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Win - Gardner (1-0). Loss - J. Moir (5-5). Save - None.
PB - L. Musacchia.
Umpires -
Start: 12:00 Time: 1:40 Attendance: 35
Game: WESTSB08

Play-by-Play

2008 Westfield State Baseball
Westfield State vs The College of NJ - Play-by-Play
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Score by Innings                 R  H  E
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Westfield State..... 002 000 0 -  2  2  0
The College of NJ... 010 000 0 -  1  6  2
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Westfield State starters: 8/cf Mason; 3/rf Jardin; 6/lf Brennan; 22/1b Gorman; 20/3b Walker; 14/2b Raymond; 7/ss Donahue; 12/c Calabrese; 5/dh Carroll; 1/p Gardner;
The College of NJ starters: 19/ss E. Seavers; 22/rf C. Cawley; 23/1b C. Lizzi; 12/3b R. Greeby; 5/cf D. Hagel; 7/dh A. Sietsma; 14/c L. Musacchia; 11/2b K. Sikora; 6/lf A. Boccafola; 27/p J. Moir;

Westfield State 1st - Mason struck out swinging. Jardin singled, bunt. Brennan out at first 1b to 2b, SAC, bunt; Jardin advanced to second. Gorman struck out swinging. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

The College of NJ 1st - E. Seavers singled to left field. E. Seavers stole second. C. Cawley popped up to c, bunt. C. Lizzi grounded out to ss; E. Seavers advanced to third. R. Greeby grounded out to p. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - Walker popped up to 2b. Raymond flied out to cf. Donahue walked. Calabrese grounded out to 2b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

The College of NJ 2nd - D. Hagel doubled to center field. A. Sietsma flied out to ss. D. Hagel stole third. L. Musacchia grounded out to p, RBI; D. Hagel scored. K. Sikora singled to center field. A. Boccafola grounded out to p. *1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - Carroll reached on a fielding error by ss. Mason out at first 3b to 2b, SAC, bunt; Carroll advanced to second. Jardin reached on an error by 2b; Carroll scored, unearned. Brennan out at first p to 2b; Jardin advanced to second. Jardin advanced to third on a passed ball. Gorman singled to center field, RBI; Jardin scored, unearned. Walker popped up to 2b. *2 runs, 1 hit, 2 errors, 1 LOB.*

The College of NJ 3rd - E. Seavers lined out to 3b. C. Cawley grounded out to 3b. C. Lizzi singled to left field. R. Greeby fouled out to 2b. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - Raymond struck out swinging. Donahue popped up to ss. Calabrese popped up to 3b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

The College of NJ 4th - D. Hagel flied out to lf. A. Sietsma grounded out to ss. L. Musacchia flied out to rf. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 5th - Carroll grounded out to 2b. Mason struck out swinging. Jardin out at first p to 2b, bunt. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

The College of NJ 5th - C. Heller pinch hit for K. Sikora. C. Heller grounded out to 3b. T.Cianciotti pinch hit for A. Boccafola. T.Cianciotti flied out to lf to left center. E. Seavers grounded out to p. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 6th - K. Sikora to 2b for C. Heller. A. Boccafola to lf for T.Cianciotti. Brennan struck out swinging. Gorman struck out looking. Walker flied out to cf. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

The College of NJ 6th - C. Cawley flied out to lf to left center. C. Lizzi singled to right center. S. Cintron pinch ran for C. Lizzi. R. Greeby flied out to lf. D. Hagel grounded out to 3b. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 7th - C. Lizzi to 1b for S. Cintron. Raymond flied out to lf. Donahue popped up to 1b. Calabrese grounded out to 2b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

The College of NJ 7th - A. Ullrich pinch hit for A. Sietsma. A. Ullrich popped up to 2b. L. Musacchia flied out to ss. K. Sikora singled to right field. Mastrioanni pinch hit for A. Boccafola. Mastrioanni popped up to ss. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

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Softball Finishes Southern Trip 5-3

Alicia Gardner recorded a big victory in her collegiate pitching debut.

Box Score

CLERMONT, Fla. - The Westfield State softball team receivrd an outstanding pitching performance from Alicia Gardner (Athol) in recording a big 2-1 victory over The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) on Friday afternoon, March 14.

Westfield finishes its southern trip with a 5-3 record. TCNJ, formerly Trenton State, is 5-5.

Gardner silenced the potent TCNJ bats in the first pitching performance of her collegiate career. The diminutive right hander scattered six hits and had no strikeouts and no walks. Twelve of the 21 outs were flyouts and the Owl defense played errorless ball.

TCNJ pitcher Jamie Moir allowed no earned runs, two hits and a walk and struck out six.

Trailing 1-0, Westfield scrapped for two runs inthe top of the third; TCNJ committed the game's only two errors in the inning.

Krystyn Carroll reached safely on a fielding error and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Jackie Mason. Lindsay Jardin also reached safely on an infield error and Carroll scored on the play to tie the score.

Jardin moved to second on a groundout and went to third on a passed ball. Junior first baseman Katie Gorman (Feeding Hills) then delivered the game-winning hit, a two-out RBI single to center field.

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Westfield State vs Western Connecticut (Apr 02, 2008)

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2008 Westfield State Softball
Westfield State at Western Connecticut (Game 2)
Apr 02, 2008 at Danbury, Conn. (Westside Field)

Westfield State 13 (10-3)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Jackie Mason cf.........	3	3	1	1	2	0	1	0	0
Lindsay Jardin rf........	5	2	3	3	0	1	2	0	0
Lisa Donahue dh..........	5	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	1
Katie Gorman 1b..........	5	1	2	4	0	0	10	0	1
Adrienne Walker 3b.......	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Angela Stearns 3b.......	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
Jen Raymond 2b...........	3	0	1	1	2	1	3	3	1
Kristyn Carroll pr......	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alicia Gardner ss........	4	1	4	1	0	0	1	3	0
Gia Calabrese c..........	4	2	1	1	1	0	3	0	5
Allison Allen lf.........	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Sam Prouty p.............	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Casey Riddell p.........	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Totals..................	37	13	13	12	6	7	21	12	10

Western Connecticut 12 (12-5)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
L.Angiolillo 2b..........	4	3	3	5	1	0	0	0	0
K. Lugovich ss...........	4	2	2	1	1	0	0	4	0
B. Finkeldey c...........	4	0	2	2	0	0	8	0	0
S. DiMaggio 3b...........	5	0	1	2	0	0	1	2	3
C. Romyns p/lf...........	3	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	3
S. Forcella p...........	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
A. Hartman rf............	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Andruskiwec cf...........	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T. Risucci ph/cf........	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
A. Caouette p...........	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
M. Mammone dh............	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
M. Brunell lf/cf.........	3	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
B. Connors ph...........	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
K. Farrell 1b............	0	1	0	0	0	0	9	0	0
Totals..................	35	12	14	11	4	3	21	9	7

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Westfield State.....	066 001 0 -	13	13	2

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Western Connecticut. 056 010 0 - 12 14  6
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E - Stearns; Riddell; K. Lugovich; B. Finkeldey 2; Andruskiwec; A. Caouette; M. Brunell. LOB - WESTSB 10; WestConn 7. 2B - Gorman; C. Romyns. 3B - L.Angiolillo. SH - Gardner; B. Finkeldey. SB - Jardin; L.Angiolillo; K. Lugovich.

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Westfield State        IP  H  R ER BB SO AB BF
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Sam Prouty.........   2.1  7  9  8  4  1 14 18
Casey Riddell......   4.2  7  3  3  0  2 21 22

Western Connecticut    IP  H  R ER BB SO AB BF
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C. Romyns..........   1.1  5  6  4  3  1  9 13
S. Forcella........   0.2  3  5  3  1  0  6  7
A. Caouette........   5.0  5  2  0  2  6 22 24
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Win - Riddell (2-1). Loss - A. Caouette (0-1). Save - None.
WP - Prouty 2; C. Romyns; A. Caouette. PB - Calabrese.
Umpires -
Start: 7:00 pm Time: 2:39 Attendance: 10
S. Forcella faced 5 batters in the 3rd.
Game: WESTSB13

Play-by-Play

2008 Westfield State Softball
Westfield State at Western Connecticut (Game 2) - Play-by-Play
Apr 02, 2008 at Danbury, Conn. (Westside Field)

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Score by Innings                     R  H  E
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Westfield State..... 066 001 0 - 13 13  2
Western Connecticut. 056 010 0 - 12 14  6
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Westfield State starters: 8/cf Mason; 13/rf Jardin; 7/dh Donahue; 22/1b Gorman; 20/3b Walker; 14/2b Raymond; 1/ss Gardner; 12/c Calabrese; 4/lf Allen; 9/p Prouty;
Western Connecticut starters: 3/2b L.Angiolillo; 2/ss K. Lugovich; 19/c B. Finkeldey; 7/3b S. DiMaggio; 22/p C. Romyns; 18/rf A. Hartman; 17/cf Andruskiwec; 30/dh M. Mammone; 10/lf M. Brunell; 21/1b K. Farrell;

Westfield State 1st - Mason walked. Jardin singled to center field; Mason advanced to second. Donahue popped up to p. Gorman grounded out to 1b unassisted; Jardin advanced to second; Mason advanced to third. Walker struck out. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Western Connecticut 1st - L.Angiolillo walked. L.Angiolillo stole second. K. Lugovich grounded out to ss. B. Finkeldey fouled out to 3b. S. DiMaggio flied out to cf. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - Raymond walked. Carroll pinch ran for Raymond. Gardner

grounded out to 3b, SAC; Carroll advanced to second. Calabrese singled to center field, RBI, advanced to second on an error by cf; Carroll scored. Allen singled to second base; Calabrese advanced to third. Allen advanced to second on a wild pitch. Mason walked. Jardin singled to third base, RBI; Mason advanced to second; Allen advanced to third; Calabrese scored. Donahue reached on a fielder's choice, RBI, advanced to second; Jardin advanced to third; Mason scored, unearned; Allen scored on an error by c, unearned. Gorman doubled, 2 RBI; Donahue scored; Jardin scored. S. Forcella to p for C. Romyns. Walker reached on a fielder's choice; Gorman out at third ss to 3b. Raymond to 2b for Carroll. Raymond grounded out to ss. *6 runs, 4 hits, 2 errors, 1 LOB.*

Western Connecticut 2nd - S. Forcella struck out. A. Hartman walked. T. Risucci pinch hit for Andruskiwec. T. Risucci singled, bunt; A. Hartman advanced to second. M. Mammone infield fly to 2b. M. Brunell singled to third base; T. Risucci advanced to second; A. Hartman advanced to third. L.Angiolillo tripled to right center, 3 RBI; M. Brunell scored; T. Risucci scored; A. Hartman scored. L.Angiolillo scored on a passed ball, unearned. K. Lugovich walked. K. Lugovich stole second. B. Finkeldey singled to left field, RBI, advanced to second on the throw; K. Lugovich scored. S. DiMaggio grounded out to p. *5 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - T. Risucci to cf. Gardner singled, advanced to second on an error by lf. Calabrese walked. Allen reached on a fielder's choice; Calabrese advanced to second; Gardner advanced to third on an error by ss. Mason singled up the middle, RBI; Allen advanced to second; Calabrese advanced to third; Gardner scored, unearned. Jardin singled to left field, RBI; Mason advanced to second; Allen advanced to third; Calabrese scored. C. Romyns to p for S. Forcella. C. Romyns to lf. A. Caouette to p for T. Risucci. M. Brunell to cf. Donahue reached on a fielder's choice; Jardin advanced to second; Mason advanced to third; Allen out at home ss to c. Gorman singled up the middle, 2 RBI; Donahue advanced to second; Jardin scored; Mason scored. Walker out at first rf to 1b; Gorman advanced to second; Donahue advanced to third. Raymond singled, RBI; Gorman advanced to third; Donahue scored, unearned. Gardner singled, RBI; Raymond advanced to second; Gorman scored, unearned. A. Caouette to p for T. Risucci. M. Brunell to cf. Calabrese grounded out to ss. *6 runs, 6 hits, 2 errors, 2 LOB.*

Western Connecticut 3rd - C. Romyns to p. T. Risucci to cf for A. Caouette. M. Brunell to lf. C. Romyns doubled to left center. A. Hartman singled up the middle, RBI; C. Romyns scored. C. Romyns to lf. A. Caouette to p for T. Risucci. M. Brunell to cf. A. Caouette reached on a fielder's choice; A. Hartman out at second ss to 2b. A. Caouette advanced to second on a wild pitch. A. Caouette advanced to third on a wild pitch. M. Mammone walked. K. Farrell to 1b for M. Mammone. / for K. Farrell. M. Brunell singled to left center; K. Farrell advanced to second. Riddell to p for Prouty. L.Angiolillo singled to pitcher, 2 RBI; M. Brunell advanced to second; K. Farrell scored; A. Caouette scored. K. Lugovich singled to third base, RBI, advanced to second on the throw; L.Angiolillo advanced to third; M. Brunell scored. Stearns to 3b for Walker. B. Finkeldey flied out to ss. S. DiMaggio singled to left field, 2 RBI, advanced to second on the throw, advanced to third on an error by p; K. Lugovich scored; L.Angiolillo scored. C. Romyns flied out to rf. *6 runs, 6 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - Allen walked. Mason grounded out to p; Allen advanced to second. Jardin struck out. Donahue struck out. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Western Connecticut 4th - A. Hartman struck out looking. A. Caouette grounded out to 2b. M. Mammone to dh for K. Farrell. K. Farrell to 1b. M. Mammone out at first p to 2b to 1b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 5th - Gorman grounded out to 1b unassisted. Stearns struck out. Raymond walked. Gardner singled up the middle; Raymond advanced to second. Calabrese flied out to rf. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Western Connecticut 5th - M. Brunell struck out. L.Angiolillo singled to pitcher. K. Lugovich singled, bunt; L.Angiolillo advanced to third. B. Finkeldey reached on a fielder's choice, SAC, RBI, advanced to second; K. Lugovich advanced to second, advanced to third on an error by 3b; L.Angiolillo scored. S. DiMaggio grounded out to ss. C. Romyns grounded out to p. *1 run, 2 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 6th - Allen grounded out to 3b. Mason reached on an error by p. Mason advanced to second on a wild pitch, advanced to third on an error by c. Jardin reached on a fielder's choice, RBI; Mason scored, unearned. Jardin stole second. Donahue struck out. Gorman grounded out to p. *1 run, 0 hits, 2 errors, 1 LOB.*

Western Connecticut 6th - A. Hartman flied out to rf. A. Caouette grounded out to 2b. M. Mammone singled to center field. B. Connors pinch hit for M. Brunell. B. Connors grounded out to p. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 7th - M. Brunell to cf for B. Connors. Stearns struck out. Raymond struck out looking. Gardner singled to right field. Calabrese flied out to lf. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Western Connecticut 7th - L.Angiolillo grounded out to p. K. Lugovich grounded out to 3b. B. Finkeldey singled to center field. S. DiMaggio reached on a fielder's choice; B. Finkeldey out at second 2b unassisted, interference. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State vs Western Connecticut (Apr 02, 2008)

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Box score (NCAA)

2008 Westfield State Softball
Westfield State at Western Connecticut (Game 1)
Apr 02, 2008 at Danbury, Conn. (Westside Field)

Westfield State 8 (9-3)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Jackie Mason cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Lindsay Jardin rf	3	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0
Kim Brennan dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Katie Gorman 1b	3	0	1	0	1	2	7	0	2
Kristyn Carroll pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adrienne Walker 3b	4	1	1	0	0	1	1	3	2
Jen Raymond 2b	3	1	1	4	0	2	1	1	0
Danielle Lutenegger lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Gia Calabrese c	2	1	1	0	1	1	4	0	0
Lisa Donahue pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alicia Gardner ss	2	2	2	2	1	0	3	1	0
Chelsea Sylvia p	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Totals	28	8	8	6	3	9	21	6	5

Western Connecticut 5 (12-5)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
L.Angiolillo ss/2b	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
K. Lugovich 2b/ss	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0
B. Finkeldey c	3	1	1	1	0	0	9	0	0
S. DiMaggio 3b	4	1	2	2	0	0	1	2	1
C. Romyns lf	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
A. Hartman rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1
Andruskiwec cf	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0
B. Connors ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
M. Mammone dh	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
M. Brunell ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K. Farrell 1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	2
A. Caouette ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S. Slie p	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
K. Cullinane p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S. Forcella p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	27	5	8	3	3	4	21	7	7

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Westfield State	023 201 0 -	8	8	3

Western Connecticut.	101 020 1 -	5	8	2

E - Raymond; Gardner; Sylvia; S. DiMaggio; S. Slie. LOB - WESTSB 5; WestConn 7. 2B - Walker; Calabrese; L.Angiolillo; B. Finkeldey. 3B - Gardner. HR - Raymond; Gardner; S. DiMaggio. SH - Jardin; Brennan; K. Lugovich 2. SF - Raymond; B. Finkeldey. SB - Carroll; C. Romyns; A. Hartman.

Westfield State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Chelsea Sylvia......	7.0	8	5	4	3	4	27	33

Western Connecticut	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
S. Slie............	3.0	6	6	3	1	4	14	17
K. Cullinane.......	0.0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
S. Forcella........	4.0	1	1	0	2	5	13	16

Win - Sylvia (6-2). Loss - S. Slie (9-4). Save - None.
WP - Sylvia; S. Slie; S. Forcella 2. PB - Calabrese.
Umpires -
Start: 5:00 pm Time: 2:00 Attendance: 50
S. Slie faced 1 batter in the 4th.
K. Cullinane faced 1 batter in the 4th.
Game: WESTSB12

Play-by-Play

2008 Westfield State Softball
Westfield State at Western Connecticut (Game 1) - Play-by-Play
Apr 02, 2008 at Danbury, Conn. (Westside Field)

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Westfield State.....	023 201 0 -	8	8	3
Western Connecticut.	101 020 1 -	5	8	2

Westfield State starters: 8/cf Mason; 13/rf Jardin; 6/dh Brennan; 22/1b Gorman; 20/3b Walker; 14/2b Raymond; 18/lf Lutenegger; 12/c Calabrese; 1/ss Gardner; 10/p Sylvia;
Western Connecticut starters: 3/ss L.Angiolillo; 2/2b K. Lugovich; 19/c B. Finkeldey; 7/3b S. DiMaggio; 22/lf C. Romyns; 18/rf A. Hartman; 17/cf Andruskiwec; 30/dh M. Mammone; 21/1b K. Farrell; 12/p S. Slie;

Westfield State 1st - Mason struck out looking. Jardin singled, bunt. Brennan grounded out to p, SAC; Jardin advanced to second. Gorman struck out. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Western Connecticut 1st - L.Angiolillo doubled to center field. K. Lugovich grounded out to 3b, SAC; L.Angiolillo advanced to third. B. Finkeldey flied out to rf, SF, RBI; L.Angiolillo scored. S. DiMaggio grounded out to p. *1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - Walker doubled down the rf line. Walker advanced to third on a wild pitch. Raymond flied out to cf, SF, RBI; Walker scored. Lutenegger struck out. Calabrese walked. Gardner tripled to left center, RBI; Calabrese scored. Mason grounded out to 1b unassisted. *2 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Western Connecticut 2nd - C. Romyns flied out to ss. A. Hartman flied out to ss. Andruskiwec walked. M. Mammone fouled out to 3b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - Jardin reached on an error by p. Brennan popped up to p. Gorman singled to right center; Jardin advanced to third. Carroll pinch ran for Gorman. Carroll stole second. Walker struck out. Raymond homered to right center, 3 RBI, unearned; Carroll scored, unearned; Jardin scored, unearned. Lutenegger flied out to cf. *3 runs, 2 hits, 1 error, 0 LOB.*

Western Connecticut 3rd - Gorman to 1b for Carroll. K. Farrell lined out to p. L.Angiolillo walked. K. Lugovich out at first 3b to 2b, SAC; L.Angiolillo advanced to third, scored on an error by 2b, unearned. B. Finkeldey reached on an error by ss. B. Finkeldey advanced to second on a passed ball. S. DiMaggio grounded out to 2b. *1 run, 0 hits, 2 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - Calabrese doubled to left field. K. Cullinane to p for S. Slie. Donahue pinch ran for Calabrese. Gardner homered to right field, RBI; Donahue scored. S. Forcella to p for K. Cullinane. Mason singled, bunt. Jardin grounded out to 3b, SAC; Mason advanced to second. L.Angiolillo to 2b. K. Lugovich to ss. Brennan grounded out to ss. Gorman walked. Walker reached on a fielder's choice; Gorman advanced to second; Mason out at third ss to 3b. *2 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Western Connecticut 4th - Calabrese to c for Donahue. C. Romyns singled down the lf line. A. Hartman singled up the middle; C. Romyns advanced to second. Andruskiwec struck out; A. Hartman stole second; C. Romyns stole third. M. Mammone flied out to lf. K. Farrell popped up to 1b. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 5th - Raymond struck out. Lutenegger struck out looking. Calabrese struck out. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Western Connecticut 5th - L.Angiolillo popped up to ss. K. Lugovich walked. B. Finkeldey doubled to left center; K. Lugovich advanced to third. B. Finkeldey advanced to third; K. Lugovich scored on a wild pitch. S. DiMaggio singled to right field, RBI; B. Finkeldey scored. C. Romyns singled up the middle; S. DiMaggio advanced to second. A. Hartman struck out. B. Connors pinch hit for Andruskiwec. B. Connors struck out. *2 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 6th - Andruskiwec to cf for B. Connors. Gardner walked. Gardner advanced to second on a wild pitch. Mason lined out to ss. Jardin grounded out to p; Gardner advanced to third. Brennan reached on an error by 3b; Gardner scored, unearned. Brennan advanced to second on a wild pitch. Gorman struck out looking. *1 run, 0 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Western Connecticut 6th - M. Brunell pinch hit for M. Mammone. M. Brunell grounded out to ss. A. Caouette pinch hit for K. Farrell. A. Caouette popped up to 1b. L.Angiolillo flied out to rf. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 7th - K. Farrell to 1b for A. Caouette. Walker grounded out to 2b. Raymond struck out. Lutenegger grounded out to 3b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

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Softball Splits With Amherst

Westfield catcher Gia Calabrese is unable to short-hop a throw from centerfield before colliding with Amherst's Katie Kervick. Click on "more" to view part two of the play at the plate.

Game One Box Score

Game Two Box Score

WESTFIELD – Westfield State and Amherst College split a doubleheader in non-conference softball action on Thursday, April 9. In the opener, the Owls outlasted the Lord Jeffs, 6-3, while Amherst blanked Westfield in the nightcap, 6-0.

Westfield's record is now 14-6 heading into key conference games this weekend vs. Worcester State. Amherst is 7-9.

In the opener, Jackie Mason (Florida, Mass./Drury High School) and Katie Gorman (Feeding Hills) both drove in two runs to spark the Owls.

The free-swinging Lord Jeffs out-hit Westfield, 9-8, in game one but they stranded 10 base runners. The Owls only stranded four base runners.

Mason led off the bottom of the first inning with a solo homer over the leftfield fence. Gorman rapped a run-scoring single later in the inning for a 2-0 lead.

Gorman delivered another RBI single in the third to give Westfield a 3-0 advantage. Amherst scored twice in the fourth on a two-run single by Jackie Tyler.

Westfield catcher Gia Calabrese has the ball jarred loose as she attempts to tag out Amherst's Katie Kervick, who scored during the fourth inning of the opening game. Photos By Mickey Curtis

The Owls scrapped for three runs in the home half of the fourth for a 6-2 lead. Gia Calabrese and Danielle Lutenegger singled and Calabrese scored on an RBI single up the middle by Alicia Gardner. Mason hit a sacrifice fly to drive in Lutenegger and Lindsay Jardin followed with an RBI single.

Amherst loaded the bases with no outs in the fifth but only scored one run on a sacrifice fly.

Westfield ace pitcher Chelsea Sylvia scattered the nine hits, walked two and struck out six. She allowed one earned run.

Gardner and Gorman were both 2 for 3 at the plate. Tyler and Alex Chang-Graham were both 2 for 4 for Amherst and Emily Neill was 2 for 4 with a double.

In the second game, Amherst leadoff batter Jackie Tyler was 4 for 4 with two RBI and two runs scored, and senior pitcher Samantha Miller (Newton) tossed a three-hit shutout. Miller walked two and struck out two.

Amherst blasted 12 hits off losing pitcher Casey Riddell, and the Lord Jeffs stranded 13 runners in game two.

Amherst scored single runs in the second, third and fourth innings, then tallied twice in the fifth.

Emily Bularzik (Braintree) was 2 for 4 with a triple and freshman first baseman Samantha Presnal (Belchertown) was 2 for 5. Catcher Holly Trace was 2 for 4 with an RBI.

Senior second baseman Jen Raymond collected two of Westfield's three hits.

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Amherst College vs Westfield State (Apr 09, 2008)

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Box score (NCAA)

2008 Westfield State Softball
Amherst College at Westfield State (Game 1)
Apr 09, 2008 at Westfield, MA (Alumni Field)

Amherst College 3 (6-9)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Jacqueline Tyler cf......	4	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	0
Samantha Presnal 1b......	4	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	2
Emily Neill ss...........	4	1	2	0	0	0	1	3	0
Alex Chang-Graham p......	4	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	4
Maddie Tamagni 2b........	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Kelly King rf............	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Katie Kervick dh.........	4	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0
Holly Trace c............	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	5
Jillian Masi lf..........	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Samantha Miller ph......	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emily Bularzik 3b........	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
Totals..................	32	3	9	3	2	6	18	6	11

Westfield State 6 (14-5)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Jackie Mason cf..........	3	2	1	2	0	0	4	0	1
Lindsay Jardin rf........	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kim Brennan dh...........	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Katie Gorman 1b..........	3	0	2	2	0	0	5	0	0
Adrienne Walker 3b.......	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	1
Gia Calabrese c..........	3	1	1	0	0	1	7	0	1
Jen Raymond 2b...........	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0
Danielle Lutenegger lf...	3	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Alicia Gardner ss........	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	2	0
Chelsea Sylvia p.........	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals..................	27	6	8	6	0	4	21	6	4

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Amherst College.....	000 210 0 -	3	9	4
Westfield State.....	201 300 X -	6	8	3

E - J. Tyler; E. Neill; H. Trace; J. Masi; Gorman; Walker 2. LOB - AMHSB 11; WESTSB 4. 2B - E. Neill; K. King. HR - Mason. SF - K. King; Mason.

Amherst College	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Alex Chang-Graham...	6.0	8	6	4	0	4	27	28

Westfield State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Chelsea Sylvia......	7.0	9	3	1	2	6	32	35

Win - Sylvia. Loss - Chang-Graham. Save - None.
WP - Sylvia. PB - H. Trace 2.
Umpires - HP: Karen Veronesi 1B: Maura Supinski
Start: 3:30   Time: 1:35   Attendance: 100
Game: WESTSB19

Play-by-Play

2008 Westfield State Softball
Amherst College at Westfield State (Game 1) - Play-by-Play
Apr 09, 2008 at Westfield, MA (Alumni Field)

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Amherst College.....	000 210 0 -	3	9	4
Westfield State.....	201 300 X -	6	8	3

Amherst College starters: 2/cf J. Tyler; 11/1b S. Presnal; 6/ss E. Neill; 16/p Chang-Graham; 8/2b M. Tamagni; 7/rf K. King; 10/dh K. Kervick; 18/c H. Trace; 4/lf J. Masi; 12/3b E. Bularzik;
Westfield State starters: 8/cf Mason; 13/rf Jardin; 6/dh Brennan; 22/1b Gorman; 20/3b Walker; 12/c Calabrese; 14/2b Raymond; 18/lf Lutenegger; 1/ss Gardner; 10/p Sylvia;

Amherst College 1st - J. Tyler struck out looking. S. Presnal lined out to 3b. E. Neill grounded out to 1b unassisted. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 1st - Mason homered to left field, RBI. Jardin grounded out to p, bunt. Brennan reached on a throwing error by c. Brennan advanced to second on a passed ball. Brennan advanced to third on a passed ball. Gorman singled through the left side, RBI; Brennan scored, unearned. Walker grounded out to 2b; Gorman advanced to second. Calabrese grounded out to 3b. *2 runs, 2 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Amherst College 2nd - Chang-Graham singled to left field. M. Tamagni singled to center field; Chang-Graham advanced to second. K. King struck out swinging. K. Kervick struck out swinging. H. Trace flied out to cf. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - Raymond grounded out to ss. Lutenegger struck out swinging. Gardner grounded out to 1b unassisted. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Amherst College 3rd - J. Masi struck out swinging. J. Tyler singled up the middle. S. Presnal reached on a fielding error by 3b; J. Tyler advanced to second.

E. Neill popped up to lf. Chang-Graham grounded out to ss. *0 runs, 1 hit, 1 error, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - Mason reached on a throwing error by ss. Jardin popped up to 3b, bunt. Brennan grounded out to ss; Mason advanced to second. Gorman singled through the left side, RBI; Mason scored, unearned. Gorman advanced to second on the throw. Gorman advanced to third on a throwing error by lf. Walker popped up to 3b. *1 run, 1 hit, 2 errors, 1 LOB.*

Amherst College 4th - M. Tamagni grounded out to 2b. K. King doubled to left field. K. Kervick singled down the lf line; K. King advanced to third. H. Trace reached on an error by 1b, assist by p; K. Kervick advanced to second. J. Masi popped up to 3b, bunt. J. Tyler singled, 2 RBI; H. Trace advanced to second; K. Kervick scored, unearned; K. King scored, unearned. J. Tyler advanced to second on the throw; H. Trace advanced to third on the throw. S. Presnal grounded out to 3b. *2 runs, 3 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - Calabrese singled to left center. Raymond popped up to 1b, bunt. Lutenegger singled down the lf line; Calabrese advanced to second. Gardner singled up the middle, RBI; Lutenegger advanced to second; Calabrese scored. Gardner advanced to second on a fielding error by cf; Lutenegger advanced to third on the error. Mason flied out to cf, SF, RBI; Gardner advanced to third; Lutenegger scored. Jardin singled to right center, RBI; Gardner scored. Brennan grounded out to ss. *3 runs, 4 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Amherst College 5th - E. Neill singled through the left side. Chang-Graham singled to left field; E. Neill advanced to second. M. Tamagni walked; Chang-Graham advanced to second; E. Neill advanced to third. K. King flied out to cf, SF, RBI; E. Neill scored. K. Kervick struck out swinging. H. Trace flied out to cf. *1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 5th - Gorman popped up to 2b. Walker struck out swinging. Calabrese struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Amherst College 6th - S. Miller pinch hit for J. Masi. S. Miller fouled out to c. J. Tyler reached on an error by 3b. S. Presnal reached on a fielder's choice; J. Tyler out at second ss to 2b. E. Neill doubled down the lf line; S. Presnal advanced to third. Chang-Graham fouled out to 2b. *0 runs, 1 hit, 1 error, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 6th - J. Masi to lf for S. Miller. Raymond struck out looking. Lutenegger lined out to p. Gardner singled up the middle. Mason popped up to ss. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Amherst College 7th - M. Tamagni grounded out to 3b. K. King walked. K. Kervick struck out looking. K. King advanced to second on a wild pitch. H. Trace flied out to cf. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

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Westfield Softball Sweeps MCLA

Allison Allen goes airborne after being tripped by the MCLA catcher to score the winning run. Allen was actually ruled safe when the umpire called obstruction on the catcher for blocking the plate before she had caught the ball. Photo By Mickey Curtis

Game One Box Score

Game Two Box Score

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State softball team swept a doubleheader from MCLA, 9-0 and 5-4, to remain unbeaten in the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference.

The Owls improved to 18-6 overall and 8-0 in the conference. MCLA dropped to 3-19 and 1-5.

MCLA upset Westfield State last season, knocking the Owls out of first place. and the Trailblazers almost pulled off another victory in game two this year.

MCLA was out-hit in the nightcap, 10-4, but it took advantage of five Westfield errors to score four unearned runs. The Trailblazers led 3-1 midway thru the game when the Owls tied the score with two runs in the bottom of the fourth on an RBI double by Jackie Mason (Drury High School) and an RBI single by Allison Allen.

Two Westfield throwing errors led to a run that gave MCLA a 4-3 lead in the fifth. Westfield tied the score again in the bottom of the fifth on a two-out pinch-hit RBI single by Mary Cunningham.

Westfield scored the winning run in the sixth with two outs and the bases empty. Allen rapped her fourth hit of the game and advanced to second on a walk to Katie Gorman (Feeding Hills). Senior Adrienne Walker (Springfield Sci-Tech) then smashed an RBI single to center field that scored Allen on a close play at the plate. Allen was actually ruled safe on the play when the MCLA catcher was called for obstruction, blocking the plate before she had the ball.

MCLA threatened to score in its final at bat when Stephanie Hendricks hammered a one-out double and advanced to third on a groundout. Deanna Trumble (Adams) then grounded out to end the tense game.

Allen, who was injured when she scored the game-winning run, was 4 for 4 with a double and two RBI. Walker was 2 for 4 and Alicia Gardner (Athol) tripled.

Winning pitcher Casey Riddell (Athol/Mahar Regional) allowed no earned runs, four hits and one walk and struck out one.

In the opener, Westfield won the game in five innings, powered by Gorman's mammoth homer in the bottom of the fourth that drove in the Owls' final two runs.

Gardner smashed an RBI double off the center field fence and Mason blasted a run-scoring triple. Walker and Sam Prouty were both 2 for 3.

Trumble collected two of MCLA's five hits.

Winning pitcher Chelsea Sylvia struck out 11 batters in five innings and did not issue a walk.

Westfield's Kristyn Carroll was initially called out on this play at the plate in the opening game, but was then called safe when the MCLA catcher was unable to hold onto the ball.

Westfield State second baseman Jen "Scoops" Raymond tags out a MCLA baserunner before throwing to first base to complete a double play.

MCLA vs Westfield State (Apr 15, 2008)

- Box score (NCAA)
- Play-by-Play

Box score (NCAA)

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                        2008 Westfield State Softball
                           MCLA at Westfield State
                 Apr 15, 2008 at Westfield, MA (Alumni Field)

MCLA 0 (3-18,1-4)

Player                    AB   R   H RBI  BB  SO  PO   A LOB
------------------------------------------------------------
Ashley Morrison ss.......  3   0   1   0   0   1   0   2   0
Deanna Trumble rf........  2   0   2   0   0   0   2   0   0
Taylor Kenyon cf.........  3   0   0   0   0   3   2   0   3
Rachel Desautels c.......  2   0   0   0   0   1   0   0   1
Amanda Borsotti lf.......  2   0   1   0   0   0   1   0   0
Kate Malloy p............  2   0   0   0   0   2   0   2   0
Katie Ouellette 2b.......  2   0   0   0   0   2   2   1   1
Amey Blackburn 1b........  2   0   0   0   0   1   5   0   1
Steph Hendricks 3b.......  2   0   1   0   0   1   0   0   0
Totals.................. 20   0   5   0   0  11  12   5   6

Westfield State 9 (17-6,7-0)

Player                    AB   R   H RBI  BB  SO  PO   A LOB
------------------------------------------------------------
Jackie Mason cf..........  3   0   1   1   0   0   0   0   1
Kim Brennan rf...........  1   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0
 Lindsay Jardin ph/rf....  2   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   1
Sam Prouty dh............  3   1   2   0   0   0   0   0   0
Katie Gorman 1b..........  2   1   1   2   1   0   2   0   1
 Kristyn Carroll pr......  0   1   0   0   0   0   0   0   0
Adrienne Walker 3b.......  3   2   2   0   0   0   0   1   0
Gia Calabrese c..........  2   1   0   0   0   0  12   0   0
Jen Raymond 2b...........  2   2   1   2   0   0   1   0   0
Danielle Lutenegger lf...  2   0   0   1   0   0   0   0   0
Alicia Gardner ss........  2   1   1   1   0   0   0   1   0
Chelsea Sylvia p.........  0   0   0   0   0   0   0   1   0
Totals.................. 22   9   8   7   1   0  15   3   3

Score by Innings             R   H   E
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MCLA................ 000 00 -  0   5   3
Westfield State..... 034 2X -  9   8   1
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E - Morrison 2; Desautels; Mason. LOB - MCLASB 6; WESTSB 3. 2B - Gardner. 3B
- Mason. HR - Gorman. SH - Trumble; Calabrese. SB - Walker; Lutenegger.
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MCLA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Kate Malloy.........	4.0	8	9	6	1	0	22	24

Westfield State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Chelsea Sylvia......	5.0	5	0	0	0	11	20	21

Win - Sylvia (11-3). Loss - Malloy (). Save - None.
WP - Malloy 3; Sylvia.
Umpires - HP: Bob Veronesi 1B: Gus Chester
Start: 2:00 Time: 1:10 Attendance: 50
Game: WESTSB23

Play-by-Play

2008 Westfield State Softball
MCLA at Westfield State - Play-by-Play
Apr 15, 2008 at Westfield, MA (Alumni Field)

Score by Innings		R	H	E
MCLA................	000 00 -	0	5	3
Westfield State.....	034 2X -	9	8	1

MCLA starters: 8/ss Morrison; 17/rf Trumble; 9/cf Kenyon; 7/c Desautels; 6/lf Borsotti; 2/p Malloy; 13/2b Ouellette; 1/1b Blackburn; 16/3b Hendricks;
Westfield State starters: 8/cf Mason; 6/rf Brennan; 9/dh Prouty; 22/1b Gorman; 20/3b Walker; 12/c Calabrese; 14/2b Raymond; 18/lf Lutenegger; 1/ss Gardner; 10/p Sylvia;

MCLA 1st - Morrison grounded out to ss. Trumble singled to right field. Kenyon struck out swinging. Trumble advanced to second on a wild pitch. Desautels struck out looking. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 1st - Mason grounded out to ss. Brennan flied out to rf. Prouty singled down the rf line. Gorman flied out to rf. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

MCLA 2nd - Borsotti singled. Malloy struck out swinging. Ouellette struck out swinging. Blackburn struck out swinging. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - Walker singled to right field. Calabrese grounded out to p, SAC, bunt; Walker advanced to second. Raymond singled to left center, RBI; Walker scored. Lutenegger lined out to cf. Gardner doubled to center field, RBI; Raymond scored. Mason tripled, RBI; Gardner scored. Jardin pinch hit for Brennan. Jardin grounded out to 2b. *3 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

MCLA 3rd - Jardin to rf. Hendricks singled up the middle. Morrison struck out looking. Trumble out at first 3b to 2b, SAC, bunt; Hendricks advanced to second. Kenyon struck out swinging. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - Prouty popped up to 2b. Gorman walked. Carroll pinch ran for Gorman. Carroll advanced to second on a wild pitch. Walker singled to center

field; Carroll advanced to third. Walker stole second. Calabrese reached on a fielder's choice; Walker advanced to third; Carroll scored on an error by c, unearned. Calabrese advanced to second on the throw. Raymond reached on a fielder's choice, RBI; Calabrese advanced to third; Walker scored. Raymond advanced to second on a throwing error by ss. Lutenegger reached on an error by ss, RBI; Raymond advanced to third; Calabrese scored, unearned. Lutenegger stole second; Raymond scored on the throw, unearned. Lutenegger advanced to third on a wild pitch. Gardner lined out to lf. Mason grounded out to p, bunt. *4 runs, 1 hit, 3 errors, 1 LOB.*

MCLA 4th - Gorman to 1b for Carroll. Desautels reached on an error by cf. Desautels advanced to second. Borsotti fouled out to c, bunt. Malloy struck out swinging. Ouellette struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - Jardin flied out to cf. Prouty singled to center field. Prouty advanced to second on a wild pitch. Gorman homered, 2 RBI; Prouty scored. Walker grounded out to ss. Calabrese popped up to 2b. *2 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

MCLA 5th - Blackburn grounded out to p, bunt. Hendricks struck out swinging. Morrison singled to center field. Trumble singled up the middle; Morrison advanced to second. Kenyon struck out swinging. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State vs Rhode Island College (Apr 17, 2008)

- Box score (NCAA)
- Play-by-Play

Box score (NCAA)

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                        The Automated ScoreBook
            Westfield State at Rhode Island College (Game 1)
           Apr 17, 2008 at Providence, R.I. (Dayna A. Bazar)

Westfield State 8 (19-6)

Player                   AB  R  H RBI  BB SO PO  A LOB
-------------------------------------------------------
Jackie Mason cf.........  3  2  1  2    1  1  1  0   0
Lindsay Jardin rf.......  3  1  3  1    0  0  0  0   0
Allison Allen dh........  3  0  1  0    0  2  0  0   1
Katie Gorman 1b.........  3  0  1  2    1  2  4  1   1
 Kristyn Carroll pr.....  0  1  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
Adrienne Walker 3b......  3  0  0  0    0  2  0  0   2
Jen Raymond 2b..........  4  0  1  1    0  1  1  1   1
Gia Calabrese c.........  3  1  1  0    0  1  7  1   0
Danielle Lutenegger lf..  2  1  0  0    1  1  2  0   0
Alicia Gardner ss.......  3  2  2  1    0  0  2  2   2
Chelsea Sylvia p........  0  0  0  0    0  0  1  0   0
Totals.................. 27  8 10  7    3 10 18  5   7

Rhode Island College 0 (24-5)

Player                   AB  R  H RBI  BB SO PO  A LOB
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Christie Lotti 1b.......  3  0  0  0    0  2  5  1   0
Amanda Perry 2b/lf......  3  0  1  0    0  2  0  1   1
Kayla Jandreau c........  3  0  0  0    0  1  9  1   1
Krystal Bilek 3b........  2  0  1  0    0  0  1  2   0
Cassandra Taverna dh....  2  0  0  0    0  1  0  0   0
Chelsi Panarelli rf.....  2  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
 Amy Jackman rf.........  0  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
Jackie Dube cf..........  1  0  0  0    0  1  0  0   1
 Donielle Mattoon ph/cf.  1  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
Kelli McCartin lf.......  1  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
 Patricia Koutsulis ph..  1  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
 Jeanne Rosa 2b.........  0  0  0  0    0  0  1  0   0
Kelsey Souza ss.........  1  0  0  0    0  1  0  1   0
Melanie Neece p.........  0  0  0  0    0  0  2  1   0
Totals.................. 20  0  2  0    0  8 18  7   3

Score by Innings             R  H  E
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Westfield State..... 001 412 -  8 10  1
Rhode Island College 000 000 -  0  2  3
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E - Gardner; Lotti(2); Perry(3); Jandreau(6). LOB - WEST 7; RIC 3. 2B -
Jardin(1); Gorman(8); Gardner(4); Bilek(6). 3B - Mason(5). SH - Jardin;
Allen; Walker; Souza. SB - Jardin(4); Allen(2).

Westfield State        IP  H  R ER BB SO AB BF
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Chelsea Sylvia......  6.0  2  0  0  0  8 20 21

Rhode Island College   IP  H  R ER BB SO AB BF
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Melanie Neece.......  6.0 10  8  6  3 10 27 33

Win - Sylvia (12-3).  Loss - Neece (13-2).  Save - None.
WP - Neece(5). PB - Jandreau(4).
Umpires - HP: Rudy Sanda  1B: Bill Nicynski
Start: 3:30 PM   Time: 1:30   Attendance: 225
Game: RISB417A
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Play-by-Play

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                    The Automated ScoreBook
    Westfield State at Rhode Island College (Game 1) - Play-by-Play
           Apr 17, 2008 at Providence, R.I. (Dayna A. Bazar)


Score by Innings                 R  H  E
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Westfield State..... 001 412 -   8 10  1
Rhode Island College 000 000 -   0  2  3
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Westfield State starters: 8/cf Mason; 13/rf Jardin; 4/dh Allen; 22/1b Gorman; 20/3b Walker; 14/2b Raymond; 12/c Calabrese; 18/lf Lutenegger; 1/ss Gardner; 10/p Sylvia;
Rhode Island College starters: 16/1b Lotti; 1/2b Perry; 3/c Jandreau; 24/3b Bilek; 22/dh Taverna; 19/rf Panarelli; 17/cf Dube; 10/lf McCartin; 4/ss Souza; 6/p Neece;

Westfield State 1st - Mason struck out swinging. Jardin singled to first base, bunt. Jardin advanced to second on a passed ball. Allen singled to right field; Jardin advanced to third. Allen stole second. Gorman struck out swinging. Walker struck out swinging. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Rhode Island College 1st - Lotti struck out swinging, out at first c to 1b. Perry struck out looking. Jandreau struck out looking. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - Raymond struck out looking. Calabrese grounded out to ss. Lutenegger struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Rhode Island College 2nd - Bilek doubled to left field. Taverna struck out swinging. Panarelli popped up to p. Dube struck out swinging. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - Gardner doubled to left field. Mason popped up to p, bunt. Jardin singled to third base, bunt; Gardner advanced to third. Jardin stole

second. Allen struck out swinging, reached first on a fielding error by c, out at first c to 1b; Jardin advanced to third; Gardner scored on the throw, unearned. Gorman struck out swinging. *1 run, 2 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Rhode Island College 3rd - McCartin reached on a fielding error by ss. Souza out at first 1b to 2b, SAC, bunt; McCartin advanced to second. Lotti popped up to ss. Perry struck out looking. *0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - Walker popped up to 3b. Raymond grounded out to 3b. Calabrese singled to left field. Calabrese advanced to second on a wild pitch. Lutenegger walked. Gardner singled up the middle, RBI; Lutenegger advanced to second; Calabrese scored. Mason tripled to right field, 2 RBI; Gardner scored; Lutenegger scored. Jardin doubled down the lf line, RBI; Mason scored. Allen struck out looking. *4 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Rhode Island College 4th - Jandreau popped up to ss. Bilek grounded out to ss. Taverna flied out to lf. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 5th - Gorman walked. Carroll pinch ran for Gorman. Walker reached on a fielding error by 2b, assist by 3b, SAC; Carroll advanced to second. Raymond singled to first base, bunt, RBI, advanced to second; Walker advanced to third; Carroll scored. Calabrese struck out looking. Lutenegger popped up to p. Gardner grounded out to 2b. *1 run, 1 hit, 1 error, 2 LOB.*

Rhode Island College 5th - Gorman to 1b for Carroll. Mattoon pinch hit for Dube. Koutsulis pinch hit for McCartin. Panarelli grounded out to ss. Mattoon flied out to cf. Koutsulis flied out to lf. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 6th - Perry to lf. Jackman to rf for Panarelli. Mattoon to cf. Rosa to 2b for Koutsulis. Mason walked. Jardin reached on a throwing error by 1b, SAC, bunt; Mason advanced to second. Allen out at first 1b to 2b, SAC, bunt; Jardin advanced to second; Mason advanced to third. Gorman doubled to left field, 2 RBI; Jardin scored, unearned; Mason scored. Walker struck out swinging. Raymond grounded out to p. *2 runs, 1 hit, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Rhode Island College 6th - Souza struck out looking. Lotti struck out swinging. Perry singled down the rf line. Jandreau grounded out to 2b. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

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Bridgewater Takes Softball Showdown

Game One Box Score

Game Two Box Score

BRIDGEWATER – The Bridgewater State College softball team took a big step towards another MASCAC regular season title as the Bears swept a doubleheader with Westfield State this afternoon from Alumni Park in Bridgewater. The Bears took the opening game of the twinbill, 3-1, and completed the sweep with a 4-3 victory in game two.

With the two wins, Bridgewater improves to 18-14 overall and a perfect 10-0 in the MASCAC. Westfield falls to 19-9 on the season and 8-2 in conference play.

In the opener, Westfield scored an unearned run in the first on an RBI groundout to take an early 1-0 lead. The Bears tied the game up at 1-1 in the bottom of the second when sophomore right fielder Meghan Noyes (Stoughton, MA) walked, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt and scored as junior shortstop Rachael Sprague (Duxbury, MA) reached on a dropped pop-up.

BSC pushed across the go ahead run in the bottom of the fourth as junior centerfielder Allie LeBlanc (Somerset, MA) and senior designated player Ciana Godin (Worcester, MA) belted back-to-back doubles. Bridgewater added an insurance run in the sixth as LeBlanc singled and moved to second on a throwing error. Godin followed with an RBI single up the middle driving in LeBlanc from second.

Sophomore right-hander Jamie Ducinski (Duxbury, MA) picked up the win in the opener for the Bears as she went four plus inning allowing just the one unearned run on one hit. Ducinski walked two and struck out two as she improved to 4-3 on the season.

Junior right-hander Alyssa Verronneau (Acushnet, MA) earned her MASCAC leading fifth save of the season as she tossed three scoreless innings. Verronneau gave up just one hit and struck out five.

LeBlanc went 2-for-2 in the opener with a double and two runs scored. Godin finished 2-for-3 with a double and two runs batted in.

Westfield junior right-hander Chelsea Sylvia (South Dartmouth, MA) pitched well for Owls in the losing effort. Sylvia (12-4) went the distance allowing three runs (one earned) on seven hits. She walked two and struck out seven.

After picking up the save in game one, Verronneau came back to earn the complete game victory in game two as the Bears completed the sweep with the 4-3 win. Verronneau (10-4) battled her way to the win as she scattered 11 hits but did not walk a batter. Two of the three runs were earned and she struck out five.

Bridgewater State jumped ahead 1-0 in the bottom of the first as LeBlanc was in the middle of the scoring once again. With two outs, LeBlanc laced a single down the right field line and moved to second as the ball was bobbled in the outfield. Senior second baseman Nicole Hebert (Taunton, MA) drove in LeBlanc with the first run of the game as she knocked a base hit between third and short.

The Bears added three more runs in the second thanks again to a key Westfield error. Noyes led off the inning with a base hit. Junior catcher Lindsey Allison (South Easton, MA) then reached on a fielder's choice groundball as the throw to get Noyes at second went into right field. Noyes would end up on third base as the ball was boxed around again in the outfield. After a wild pitch scored Noyes and sent Allison to second, junior shortstop Rachel Sprague (Duxbury, MA) lined a an RBI single to left-center scoring Allison. Sprague would come around to score the third run of the inning two batters later on an RBI single by Godin.

Trailing 4-0, Westfield rallied for a pair of runs in the third inning on an RBI single by sophomore leftfielder Allison Allen (Peabody, MA) and a sacrifice fly by junior first baseman Katie Gorman (Feeding Hills, MA). Freshman shortstop Alicia Gardner (Athol, MA) and junior centerfielder Jackie Mason (Florida, MA) came around to score the two runs in the inning for the Owls. Gardner led off the frame with a base hit and moved to third on a double by Mason.

The score remained 4-2 until the seventh inning. After Verronneau retired the first two batters of the inning, junior right fielder

Lindsay Jardin (Assonet, MA) got things going for the Owls with a single up the middle. Allen then followed with another base hit to put runners on first and second. Sophomore pinch hitter Danielle Lutenegger (Sunderland, MA) reached on an infield single and all the runners moved up an extra base as a very late and errant throw sailed wide of first. With the tying run at third and the go ahead run at second, Verronneau recorded her fifth strikeout of the game to end it.

LeBlanc finished 2-for-3 with a run scored in game two, while Noyes was also 2-for-3 with a run.

Westfield, which banged out 11 hits in game two but left eight runners on base, was led by Jardin and Allen who both finished 3-for-4. Gardner chipped in with a 2-for-3 performance.

Sophomore right-hander Sam Prouty (Auburn, MA) suffered the loss in the circle for the Owls as she allowed four runs on five hits over and inning and two-thirds. Junior right-hander Casey Riddell (Athol, MA) pitched very well in place of Prouty as she tossed 4 1/3 scoreless innings of relief giving up just two hits, a walk and hits batsmen.

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Westfield State vs Bridgewater State (Apr 19, 2008)

- Box score (NCAA)
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Box score (NCAA)

2008 Westfield State Softball
Westfield State at Bridgewater State (Game 2)
Apr 19, 2008 at Bridgewater, MA (Alumni Park)

Westfield State 3 (19-9,8-2 MASCAC)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Jackie Mason cf..........	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Lindsay Jardin rf........	4	1	3	0	0	0	2	0	0
Allison Allen lf.........	4	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0
Katie Gorman 1b..........	2	0	0	1	0	2	7	1	2
Danielle Lutenegger ph..	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adrienne Walker 3b.......	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	5
Kim Brennan dh...........	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jen Raymond 2b...........	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0
Gia Calabrese c..........	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Mary Cunningham ph......	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Alicia Gardner ss........	3	1	2	0	0	0	2	4	0
Sam Prouty p.............	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Casey Riddell p.........	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals..................	31	3	11	2	0	5	18	11	8

Bridgewater State 4 (18-14,10-0 MASCAC)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Ciana Godin dh...........	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tracey Sanko lf..........	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1
Allie LeBlanc cf.........	3	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
Nicole Hebert 2b.........	3	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	2
D. Trull-Donahue 1b......	3	0	0	0	0	2	8	0	1
Meghan Noyes rf..........	3	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Lindsey Allison c........	2	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	0
Rachael Sprague ss.......	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	0
Stacy Capodiece 3b.......	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Brianna Yearwood pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alyssa Verronneau p......	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Totals..................	24	4	7	3	1	2	21	9	5

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Westfield State.....	002 000 1 -	3	11	3
Bridgewater State...	130 000 X -	4	7	1

E - Jardin 2(3); Walker(11); Sprague(11). LOB - Westfield 8; Bridgewater 5. 2B - Mason(5). HBP - Capodiece. SH - Allison(5). SF - Gorman(2). SB - Godin(4).

Westfield State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Sam Prouty..........	1.2	5	4	2	0	1	10	10
Casey Riddell.......	4.1	2	0	0	1	1	14	17

Bridgewater State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Alyssa Verronneau...	7.0	11	3	2	0	5	31	32

Win - Verronneau (10-4). Loss - Prouty (1-1). Save - None.
WP - Prouty(4); Verronneau(7). HBP - by Riddell (Capodiece).
Umpires - HP: Jim McGowan 1B: Joe Argo
Start: 1:46 PM Time: 1:27 Attendance: 250
Game: WESTSB28

Play-by-Play

2008 Westfield State Softball
Westfield State at Bridgewater State (Game 2) - Play-by-Play
Apr 19, 2008 at Bridgewater, MA (Alumni Park)

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Westfield State.....	002 000 1 -	3	11	3
Bridgewater State...	130 000 X -	4	7	1

Westfield State starters: 8/cf Mason; 13/rf Jardin; 4/lf Allen; 22/1b Gorman; 20/3b Walker; 6/dh Brennan; 14/2b Raymond; 12/c Calabrese; 1/ss Gardner; 9/p Prouty;
Bridgewater State starters: 9/dh Godin; 6/lf Sanko; 12/cf LeBlanc; 7/2b Hebert; 10/1b Trull-Donahu; 11/rf Noyes; 21/c Allison; 15/ss Sprague; 17/3b Capodiece; 8/p Verronneau;

Westfield State 1st - Mason grounded out to 3b. Jardin singled to third base, bunt. Allen singled to first base, bunt; Jardin advanced to second. Allen advanced to second on a wild pitch; Jardin advanced to third on a wild pitch. Gorman struck out looking. Walker flied out to cf. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Bridgewater State 1st - Godin grounded out to 1b unassisted. Sanko flied out to lf. LeBlanc singled down the rf line, advanced to second on a fielding error by rf. Hebert singled through the left side, advanced to second on the throw, RBI; LeBlanc scored, unearned. Trull-Donahu struck out swinging. *1 run, 2 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - Brennan grounded out to ss. Raymond struck out swinging. Calabrese grounded out to ss. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Bridgewater State 2nd - Noyes singled to left field. Allison reached on a fielder's choice; Noyes advanced to second on a throwing error by 3b, advanced to third on a fielding error by rf. Allison advanced to second on a wild pitch; Noyes

scored on a wild pitch, unearned. Sprague singled to left center, RBI; Allison scored. Capodiece out at first p to ss to 1b; Sprague advanced to second. Godin singled to center field, out at second cf to 1b to 2b, RBI; Sprague scored. Riddell to p for Prouty. Sanko walked. LeBlanc singled up the middle; Sanko advanced to second. Hebert grounded out to 3b. *3 runs, 4 hits, 2 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - Gardner singled up the middle. Mason doubled to left field; Gardner advanced to third. Jardin fouled out to c, bunt. Allen singled to shortstop, RBI; Mason advanced to third; Gardner scored. Gorman fouled out to lf, SF, RBI; Allen advanced to second; Mason scored. Walker grounded out to 2b. *2 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Bridgewater State 3rd - Trull-Donahu popped up to ss. Noyes grounded out to ss. Allison flied out to rf. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - Brennan grounded out to p. Raymond grounded out to 3b. Calabrese popped up to p. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Bridgewater State 4th - Sprague popped up to ss. Capodiece hit by pitch. Yearwood pinch ran for Capodiece. Godin reached on a fielder's choice; Yearwood out at second ss to 2b. Godin stole second. Sanko grounded out to p. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 5th - Capodiece to 3b for Yearwood. Gardner singled to right field. Mason flied out to cf. Jardin singled to pitcher, bunt; Gardner advanced to second. Allen flied out to rf. Gorman struck out swinging. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Bridgewater State 5th - LeBlanc lined out to 2b. Hebert grounded out to 3b. Trull-Donahu struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 6th - Walker grounded out to 3b. Brennan singled up the middle. Raymond reached on a fielder's choice; Brennan out at second ss to 2b. Cunningham pinch hit for Calabrese. Cunningham struck out swinging. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Bridgewater State 6th - Calabrese to c for Cunningham. Noyes singled up the middle. Allison out at first 3b to 2b, SAC, bunt; Noyes advanced to second. Sprague flied out to rf. Capodiece grounded out to ss. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 7th - Gardner grounded out to 2b. Mason flied out to lf. Jardin singled up the middle. Allen singled up the middle; Jardin advanced to second. Lutenegger pinch hit for Gorman. Lutenegger singled to shortstop, advanced to second on a throwing error by ss; Allen advanced to second, advanced to third on the error; Jardin advanced to third, scored on the error, unearned. Walker struck out swinging. *1 run, 3 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.*

WESTFIELD ATHLETICS

Softball Rallies For Split With Rams

Casey Riddell was the winning pitcher in Westfield's key 7-4 come-from-behind victory at Framingham State.

Game One Box Score

Game Two Box Score

FRAMINGHAM — The Westfield State softball team rallied from a 4-0 first-inning deficit for a 7-4 victory to earn a doubleheader split with Framingham State on Monday, April 21.

In the opener, a five-run fifth-inning uprising lifted Framingham State to a 6-2 victory.

Westfield is now 20-10 overall and 9-3 in the conference. The Owls host Salem State, 7-5 in the conference, in key games next Saturday.

In the opener, Westfield pitcher Chelsea Sylvia was cruising with a 2-0 lead with the bases empty and two outs in the fifth. But things began to fall apart of the Owls. A walk, an infield single and an RBI single made the score 2-1. Westfield's left fielder then lost a ball in the sun that went for a two-run double. When the inning was over, Framingham had collected four of its seven hits. Sylvia finished with three walks, all in the fatal fifth.

Adrienne Walker and Allison Allen rapped RBI singles for Westfield and Lindsay Jardin was 2 for 3.

In the second game, Westfield pitcher Casey Riddell got off to another slow start, allowing four first-inning runs. But she settled down once again and held the Rams scoreless the final six innings. In addition, she pitched out of big jams in the fourth and fifth innings when Framingham had runners and second and third with one out.

Riddell allowed seven hits and two walks and struck out three, including the final two batters she faced.

The Rams stranded eight runners on the bases and committed five errors as all but one of Westfield's runs were unearned.

Westfield scored a run in the second inning on an RBI triple by freshman shortstop Alicia Gardner, who also delivered a two-run single in Westfield's four-run fourth inning. The game-winning blow was a two-run single by senior second baseman Jen "Scoops" Raymond.

The Owls added insurance tallies on an RBI groundout in the sixth by Gardner and on an RBI triple in the seventh by Katie Gorman.

Gardner was 2 for 3 with a triple and four RBI and Gorman was 2 for 4.

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WESTFIELD ATHLETICS

Softball Seals 2nd With Salem Split

Seniors Jen Raymond, Mary Cunningham and Adrienne Walker were honored during the Owls' final regular season home games.

Game One Box Score

Game Two Box Score

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State softball team split a doubleheader with Salem State to clinch second place in the Mass. State Conference (MASCAC) and earn a first-round home game in the postseason tournament.

Westfield rallied for a 4-2 victory in the opener, while Salem State held on to win the nightcap. 3-2. The Owls conclude the regular season with a 21-11 overall record and a 10-4 MASCAC mark. Salem State is 19-19 overall and placed third in the MASCAC with an 8-6 record. Westfield will host Salem on Thursday, May 1, in a first-round matchup in the conference's double elimination tournament.

In the opener, the Owls took advantage of four Viking errors for the key victory. Westfield scored two runs on two errors and a hit to take a 2-1 first-inning lead.

Salem tied the score in the fourth inning on a solo homer by sophomore catcher Amanda Scola.

Westfield scored the winning run in the fifth on a throwing error from the outfield when Allison Allen was going from first to third on Kim Brennan's single up the middle.

Westfield scored another unearned run in the sixth on a throwing error down the right field line on a sacrifice bunt.

Salem threatened to score in the sixth when the first two batters singled. But Owl pitcher Chelsea Sylvia got the next two batters to fly out and recorded the final big out on a called third strike.

Salem had a runner at second base with two outs in the seventh when Sarah Funk flied out to deep left field to end the game.

Both teams collected five hits. Scola was the only player with more than one hit.

Sylvia did not issue a walk and struck out nine in boosting her pitching record to 13-5.

In the second game, sophomore center fielder Jess Baird delivered the game-winning hit, a two-run homer in the sixth that snapped a 1-1 tie.

Westfield closed to within a run, 3-2, in the home half of the sixth on an RBI single by Alicia Gardner, but the Owls left runners

stranded at first and third.

Salem State made two outstanding catches in the outfield in the seventh inning to preserve the victory.

Westfield outhit Salem, 8-6. Gardner, Danielle Lutenegger and Brennan each had two singles. Taylor Orlando was 2 for 3 with an RBI for the Vikings.

Adrienne Walker is tagged out attempting to score following an outfield flyout.

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Lisa Donahue breaks up a double play attempt at second base.

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SIDEARM SPORTS

Salem State vs Westfield State (Apr 26, 2008)

- Box score (NCAA)
- Play-by-Play

Box score (NCAA)

2008 Westfield State Softball
Salem State at Westfield State
Apr 26, 2008 at Westfield, MA (Alumni Field)

Salem State 2 (18-19,7-6)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Sarah Funk 2b	4	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	2
Jess Baird cf	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Amanda Scola c	2	1	2	1	0	0	6	0	0
Taylor Orlando lf	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Erica Sonia rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Katelyn Doherty p	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	2
Krystal Coleman p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Katie Oram ss	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0
Kara Beauregard ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lauren Concannon 3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Krista Brown ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Judie Garceau dh	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Michelle Enos 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Totals	25	2	5	2	0	9	18	6	5

Westfield State 4 (21-10,10-3)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Allison Allen rf	3	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Kim Brennan cf	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sam Prouty dh	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Katie Gorman 1b	2	0	0	0	1	2	4	1	0
Angela Stearns pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adrienne Walker 3b	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Alicia Gardner ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
Jen Raymond 2b	3	0	1	0	0	2	3	1	2
Danielle Lutenegger lf	3	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	1
Kristyn Carroll pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gia Calabrese c	1	0	1	0	0	0	8	0	0
Lisa Donahue pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chelsea Sylvia p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	22	4	5	1	2	5	21	6	4

Score by Innings				R	H	E
Salem State	100	100	0	2	5	4
Westfield State	200	011	X	4	5	1

E - Baird; Scola; Coleman; Oram; Calabrese. DP - SSCSB 2. LOB - SSCSB 5; WESTSB 4. HR - Scola. HBP - Baird. SH - Scola; Orlando; Walker; Calabrese. SB - Beauregard; Brennan.

Salem State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Katelyn Doherty.....	5.0	4	3	1	1	4	19	21
Krystal Coleman.....	1.0	1	1	1	1	1	3	5

Westfield State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Chelsea Sylvia......	7.0	5	2	2	0	9	25	28

Win - Sylvia (13-5). Loss - Doherty (). Save - None.
WP - Coleman. HBP - by Sylvia (Baird). PB - Scola; Calabrese.
Umpires -
Start: 12:15 Time: 1:30 Attendance: 150
Game: WESTSB31

Play-by-Play

2008 Westfield State Softball
Salem State at Westfield State - Play-by-Play
Apr 26, 2008 at Westfield, MA (Alumni Field)

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Salem State.........	100 100 0 -	2	5	4
Westfield State.....	200 011 X -	4	5	1

Salem State starters: 21/2b Funk; 4/cf Baird; 24/c Scola; 5/lf Orlando; 7/rf Sonia; 27/p Doherty; 6/ss Oram; 12/3b Concannon; 18/dh Garceau; 11/1b Enos;
Westfield State starters: 4/rf Allen; 6/cf Brennan; 9/dh Prouty; 22/1b Gorman; 20/3b Walker; 1/ss Gardner; 14/2b Raymond; 18/lf Lutenegger; 12/c Calabrese; 10/p Sylvia;

Salem State 1st - Funk singled down the rf line. Baird hit by pitch; Funk advanced to second. Scola out at first 1b to 2b, SAC, bunt; Baird advanced to second; Funk advanced to third. Orlando out at first p to 2b, SAC, bunt, RBI; Baird advanced to third; Funk scored. Sonia popped up to ss. *1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 1st - Allen singled through the left side. Brennan reached on a throwing error by c; Allen advanced to second. Allen advanced to third on the error. Brennan stole second. Prouty reached on a fielding error by ss, RBI; Brennan advanced to third; Allen scored. Brennan scored on the error, unearned. Gorman struck out swinging. Walker walked; Prouty advanced to second. Gardner grounded out to 1b unassisted; Walker advanced to second; Prouty advanced to third. Raymond struck out swinging. *2 runs, 1 hit, 2 errors, 2 LOB.*

Salem State 2nd - Doherty struck out swinging. Oram struck out swinging. Concannon flied out to rf. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - Lutenegger singled to shortstop. Carroll pinch ran for Lutenegger. Calabrese out at first 3b to 2b, SAC, bunt; Carroll advanced to second. Allen hit into double play ss to 1b; Carroll out on the play. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Salem State 3rd - Lutenegger to lf for Carroll. Garceau struck out swinging. Funk flied out to lf. Baird grounded out to ss. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - Brennan grounded out to p. Prouty popped up to 2b. Gorman struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Salem State 4th - Scola homered, RBI. Orlando grounded out to ss. Sonia grounded out to 2b. Doherty struck out swinging. *1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - Walker grounded out to 1b unassisted. Gardner flied out to lf. Raymond struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Salem State 5th - Oram struck out swinging. Concannon struck out swinging, reached first on a passed ball. Garceau lined out to lf. Funk reached on a fielder's choice; Concannon out at second ss to 2b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 5th - Lutenegger grounded out to p. Calabrese singled to second base. Donahue pinch ran for Calabrese. Allen reached on a fielder's choice; Donahue out at second ss to 2b. Brennan singled up the middle; Allen advanced to third. Brennan advanced to third; Allen scored on a throwing error by cf, unearned. Prouty lined out to 2b. *1 run, 2 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Salem State 6th - Calabrese to c for Donahue. Baird singled. Scola singled to shortstop; Baird advanced to second. Orlando flied out to lf. Sonia popped up to 1b. Doherty struck out looking. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 6th - Coleman to p for Doherty. Gorman walked. Stearns pinch ran for Gorman. Stearns advanced to second on a passed ball. Walker reached on a throwing error by p, SAC; Stearns advanced to third. Walker advanced to second on the error; Stearns scored on the error. Walker advanced to third on a wild pitch. Gardner flied into double play cf to c; Walker out on the play. Raymond singled down the lf line. Lutenegger struck out swinging. *1 run, 1 hit, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Salem State 7th - Gorman to 1b for Stearns. Beauregard pinch hit for Oram. Beauregard singled to right field. Brown pinch hit for Concannon. Dropped foul ball, E2. Brown struck out swinging; Beauregard stole second. Garceau struck out swinging. Funk flied out to lf. *0 runs, 1 hit, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Salem State vs Westfield State (Apr 26, 2008)

- Box score (NCAA)
- Play-by-Play

Box score (NCAA)

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                    2008 Westfield State Softball
                    Salem State at Westfield State
               Apr 26, 2008 at Westfield, MA (Alumni Field)

Salem State 3 (19-19,8-6)

Player                AB  R  H RBI BB SO PO  A LOB
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Sarah Funk 2b........  3  0  0  0   0  1  3  1   0
Jess Baird cf........  3  1  1  2   0  1  1  1   0
Amanda Scola rf......  3  1  1  0   0  1  3  0   0
Taylor Orlando lf....  3  0  2  1   0  0  0  0   0
Krista Brown c.......  3  0  1  0   0  0  3  0   1
Katelyn Doherty p....  3  0  0  0   0  1  0  4   0
Jenna Lentine 3b.....  2  0  0  0   1  0  0  5   0
Katie Oram ss........  3  0  0  0   0  0  1  2   1
Kara Beauregard dh...  2  1  1  0   0  0  0  0   0
Michelle Enos 1b.....  0  0  0  0   0  0 10  1   0
Totals............... 25  3  6  3   1  4 21 14   2

Westfield State 2 (21-11,10-4)

Player                AB  R  H RBI BB SO PO  A LOB
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Allison Allen rf.....  4  0  1  0   0  0  2  0   0
Kim Brennan cf.......  4  0  2  1   0  1  2  0   1
Mary Cunningham dh...  4  0  0  0   0  1  0  0   1
 Angela Stearns pr...  0  0  0  0   0  0  0  0   0
Katie Gorman 1b......  4  0  1  0   0  0  9  0   1
 Lisa Donahue pr.....  0  1  0  0   0  0  0  0   0
Adrienne Walker 3b...  3  0  0  0   0  0  0  4   0
Alicia Gardner ss....  2  0  2  1   1  0  1  0   0
Jen Raymond 2b.......  3  0  0  0   0  0  3  2   3
Danielle Lutenegger lf  2  1  2  0   1  0  0  0   0
 Kristyn Carroll pr..  0  0  0  0   0  0  0  0   0
Gia Calabrese c......  1  0  0  0   0  0  4  1   2
Casey Riddell p......  0  0  0  0   0  0  0  3   0
Totals............... 27  2  8  2   2  2 21 10   8

Score by Innings                 R  H  E
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Salem State......... 100 002 0 - 3  6  3
Westfield State..... 000 011 0 - 2  8  1
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E - Funk; Baird; Scola; Calabrese. DP - WESTSB 1. LOB - SSCSB 2; WESTSB 8.
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HR - Baird. SH - Calabrese 2. SB - Scola. CS - Orlando.

Salem State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Katelyn Doherty.....	7.0	8	2	1	2	2	27	31

Westfield State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Casey Riddell.......	7.0	6	3	2	1	4	25	26

Win - Doherty. Loss - Riddell. Save - None.
PB - Brown.
Umpires -
Start: 2:15 Time: 1:15 Attendance: 150
Game: WESTSB32

Play-by-Play

2008 Westfield State Softball
Salem State at Westfield State - Play-by-Play
Apr 26, 2008 at Westfield, MA (Alumni Field)

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Salem State.........	100 002 0 -	3	6	3
Westfield State.....	000 011 0 -	2	8	1

Salem State starters: 21/2b Funk; 4/cf Baird; 24/rf Scola; 5/lf Orlando; 8/c Brown; 27/p Doherty; 9/3b Lentine; 6/ss Oram; 14/dh Beauregard; 11/1b Enos;
Westfield State starters: 4/rf Allen; 6/cf Brennan; 11/dh Cunningham; 22/1b Gorman; 20/3b Walker; 1/ss Gardner; 14/2b Raymond; 18/lf Lutenegger; 12/c Calabrese; 19/p Riddell;

Salem State 1st - Funk grounded out to p. Baird grounded out to 3b. Scola singled up the middle. Scola stole second. Scola advanced to third on a throwing error by c. Orlando singled to left field, RBI; Scola scored, unearned. Orlando out at second c to ss, caught stealing. *1 run, 2 hits, 1 error, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 1st - Allen flied out to rf. Brennan struck out swinging. Cunningham grounded out to ss. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Salem State 2nd - Brown grounded out to p. Doherty struck out swinging. Lentine flied out to cf. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - Gorman grounded out to 2b. Walker grounded out to 3b. Gardner singled up the middle. Gardner advanced to second on a throwing error by cf. Raymond grounded out to 3b. *0 runs, 1 hit, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Salem State 3rd - Oram popped up to 2b. Beauregard grounded out to 3b. Funk grounded out to 3b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - Lutenegger singled to left field. Carroll pinch ran for Lutenegger. Calabrese grounded out to p, SAC, bunt; Carroll advanced to second.

Allen singled up the middle; Carroll advanced to third. Allen advanced to second on the throw; Carroll out at home cf to c. Brennan out at first 1b to 2b. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Salem State 4th - Lutenegger to lf for Carroll. Baird struck out swinging. Scola grounded out to 3b. Orlando grounded out to p. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - Cunningham struck out swinging. Gorman grounded out to ss. Walker reached on an error by 2b. Gardner walked; Walker advanced to second. Raymond grounded out to p. *0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.*

Salem State 5th - Brown singled up the middle. Doherty hit into double play 2b to 1b; Brown out on the play. Lentine walked. Oram flied out to rf. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 5th - Lutenegger singled to third base. Calabrese out at first 3b to 2b, SAC, bunt; Lutenegger advanced to second. Allen flied out to rf; Lutenegger advanced to third. Brennan singled down the rf line, RBI; Lutenegger scored, unearned. Cunningham grounded out to p. *1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Salem State 6th - Beauregard singled through the left side. Funk struck out swinging. Baird homered, 2 RBI; Beauregard scored. Scola struck out swinging. Orlando singled up the middle. Brown flied out to cf. *2 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 6th - Gorman singled up the middle. Donahue pinch ran for Gorman. Donahue advanced to second on a passed ball. Walker grounded out to 3b; Donahue advanced to third on the throw. Gardner singled through the right side, RBI; Donahue scored. Gardner advanced to second on a throwing error by rf. Raymond grounded out to 3b; Gardner advanced to third on the throw. Lutenegger walked. Calabrese popped up to 2b. *1 run, 2 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.*

Salem State 7th - Gorman to 1b for Donahue. Doherty popped up to 2b. Lentine flied out to rf. Oram grounded out to 2b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 7th - Allen lined out to cf. Brennan singled to right field. Cunningham reached on a fielder's choice; Brennan out at second p to ss. Stearns pinch ran for Cunningham. Gorman flied out to rf. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State vs Framingham State (Apr 21, 2008)

- Box score (NCAA)
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Box score (NCAA)

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Westfield State at Framingham State (Game 2)
Apr 21, 2008 at Framingham, MA (Mary Denison Field)

Westfield State 7 (20-10,9-3)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Jackie Mason cf..........	4	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	1
Lindsay Jardin rf........	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Danielle Lutenegger lf..	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Kim Brennan dh...........	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Katie Gorman 1b..........	4	1	2	1	0	0	11	0	0
Kristyn Carroll pr......	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adrienne Walker 3b.......	4	2	1	0	0	0	1	6	1
Allison Allen lf/rf......	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Alicia Gardner ss........	3	1	2	4	0	0	0	4	0
Jen Raymond 2b...........	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	1
Gia Calabrese c..........	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1
Casey Riddell p..........	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals...................	30	7	6	7	1	0	21	12	4

Framingham State 4

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Clancy 3b................	4	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	0
Pacheco ss...............	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
DiTerlizzi lf............	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Timmons c................	4	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Howard rf................	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Mulkeen dh...............	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1
Douillette cf............	1	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	1
Jones ph................	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ranton 1b................	3	0	0	1	0	0	10	1	2
Curley 2b................	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	2	2
Knox p/pr................	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Totals...................	30	4	7	3	2	3	21	11	8

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Westfield State.....	010 401 1 -	7	6	3
Framingham State....	400 000 0 -	4	7	5

E - Lutenegger 2; Walker; DiTerlizzi; Douillette; Ranton; Curley; Knox. DP -

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Framingham 1. LOB - WESTSB 4; Framingham 8. 2B - Curley. 3B - Gorman;
Gardner. SH - Brennan; Pacheco. SB - Mason; Pacheco.

Westfield State        IP  H  R ER BB SO AB BF
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Casey Riddell.......  7.0  7  4  3  2  3 30 33

Framingham State       IP  H  R ER BB SO AB BF
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Knox................  7.0  6  7  1  1  0 30 32

Win - Riddell.  Loss - Knox.  Save - None.
WP - Riddell.
Umpires -
Start: 2:30   Time: 1:30   Attendance: 50
Game: WESTSB30
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Play-by-Play

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                        2008 Westfield State Softball
          Westfield State at Framingham State (Game 2) - Play-by-Play
              Apr 21, 2008 at Framingham, MA (Mary Denison Field)


Score by Innings                   R  H  E
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Westfield State..... 010 401 1 -  7  6  3
Framingham State.... 400 000 0 -  4  7  5
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Westfield State starters: 8/cf Mason; 13/rf Jardin; 6/dh Brennan; 22/1b Gorman; 20/3b Walker; 4/lf Allen; 1/ss Gardner; 14/2b Raymond; 12/c Calabrese; 19/p Riddell;
Framingham State starters: 12/3b Clancy; 8/ss Pacheco; 11/lf DiTerlizzi; 17/c Timmons; 21/rf Howard; 14/dh Mulkeen; 15/cf Douillette; 18/1b Ranton; 2/2b Curley; 13/p Knox;

Westfield State 1st - Mason popped up to 2b. Jardin grounded out to p. Brennan grounded out to ss. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Framingham State 1st - Lutenegger to lf for Jardin. Allen to rf. Clancy singled to shortstop. Pacheco reached on a fielder's choice, SAC; Clancy advanced to second. DiTerlizzi flied out to cf. Timmons singled to right field; Pacheco advanced to second; Clancy advanced to third. Timmons advanced to second on a wild pitch; Pacheco advanced to third on a wild pitch; Clancy scored on a wild pitch. Howard walked. Mulkeen reached on a fielding error by 3b, RBI; Howard advanced to second; Timmons advanced to third; Pacheco scored. Douillette walked, RBI; Mulkeen advanced to second; Howard advanced to third; Timmons scored. Knox pinch ran for Mulkeen. / for Knox. Ranton grounded out to 2b, RBI; Douillette advanced to second; Knox advanced to third; Howard scored, unearned. Curley grounded out to 3b. *4 runs, 2 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - Mulkeen to dh for Knox. Knox to p. Gorman singled to right field. Carroll pinch ran for Gorman. Walker flied out to cf. Allen grounded out to ss; Carroll advanced to second. Gardner tripled to left center, RBI; Carroll scored. Raymond grounded out to ss. *1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Framingham State 2nd - Gorman to 1b for Carroll. Clancy grounded out to 3b. Pacheco flied out to rf. DiTerlizzi flied out to cf. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - Calabrese popped up to p. Mason popped up to 2b. Lutenegger flied out to cf. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Framingham State 3rd - Timmons grounded out to 3b. Howard grounded out to 3b. Mulkeen reached on an error by lf. Douillette grounded out to p. *0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - Brennan reached on a fielding error by 2b. Gorman reached on an error by p; Brennan advanced to second. Walker singled, bunt; Gorman advanced to second; Brennan advanced to third. Allen popped up to 2b. Gardner singled up the middle, 2 RBI; Walker advanced to third; Gorman scored, unearned; Brennan scored, unearned. Gardner advanced to second on the throw. Raymond singled to center field, 2 RBI; Gardner scored, unearned; Walker scored, unearned. Raymond advanced to second on the throw. Calabrese grounded out to p; Raymond advanced to third. Mason fouled out to 1b. *4 runs, 3 hits, 2 errors, 1 LOB.*

Framingham State 4th - Ranton flied out to lf. Curley doubled to third base. Clancy singled to right field; Curley advanced to third. Clancy advanced to second on the throw. Pacheco reached on a fielder's choice; Clancy advanced to third; Curley out at home ss to c. Pacheco stole second. DiTerlizzi grounded out to ss. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 5th - Lutenegger walked. Brennan out at first 3b to 2b, SAC; Lutenegger advanced to second. Gorman grounded into double play ss to 1b to 3b; Lutenegger out on the play. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Framingham State 5th - Timmons grounded out to ss. Howard singled through the left side. Mulkeen singled through the left side, advanced to second on the error; Howard advanced to third on a fielding error by lf. Jones pinch hit for Douillette. Jones struck out swinging. Ranton grounded out to ss. *0 runs, 2 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 6th - Douillette to cf for Jones. Walker reached on an error by cf. Walker advanced to second on the error. Allen grounded out to 3b; Walker advanced to third. Gardner grounded out to 2b, RBI; Walker scored, unearned. Raymond reached on an error by lf. Raymond advanced to second on the error. Calabrese flied out to cf. *1 run, 0 hits, 2 errors, 1 LOB.*

Framingham State 6th - Curley popped up to 3b. Clancy grounded out to 3b. Pacheco flied out to cf. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 7th - Mason reached on an error by 1b. Lutenegger fouled out to c, bunt. Brennan grounded out to 2b. Mason advanced to second. Mason stole third. Gorman tripled to left field, RBI; Mason scored, unearned. Walker flied out to lf. *1 run, 1 hit, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Framingham State 7th - DiTerlizzi grounded out to 3b. Timmons struck out swinging. Howard singled to shortstop. Mulkeen struck out looking. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

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Softball Rallies For Split With Rams

Casey Riddell was the winning pitcher in Westfield's key 7-4 come-from-behind victory at Framingham State.

Game One Box Score

Game Two Box Score

FRAMINGHAM - Tje Westfield State softball team rallied from a 4-0 first-inning defict for a 7-4 victory to earn a doubleheader split with Framingham State on Monday, April 21.

In the opener, a five-run fifth-inning uprising lifted Framingham State to a 6-2 victory.

Westfield is now 20-10 overall and 9-3 in the conference. The Owls host Salem State, 7-5 in the conference, in key games next Saturday.

In the opener, Westfield pitcher Chelsea Sylvia was cruising with a 2-0 lead with the bases empty and two outs in the fifth. But things began to fall apart of the Owls. A walk, an infield single and an RBI single made the score 2-1. Westfield's left fielder then lost a ball in the sun that went for a two-run double. When the inning was over, Framingham had collected four of its seven hits. Sylvia [illegible] finished with three walks, all in the fatal fifth.

Adrienne Walker and Allison Allen rapped RBI singles for Westfield and LIndsay Jardin was 2 for 3.

In the second game, Westfield pitcher Casey Riddell got off to another slow start, allowing four first-inning runs. But she settled down once again and held the Rams scoreless the final six innings. In addition, she pitched out of big jams in the fourth and fifth innings when Framingham had runners and second and third with one out.

Riddell allowed seven hits and two walks and struck out three, including the final two batters she faced.

The Rams stranded eight runners on the bases and committed five errors as all but one of Westfield's runs were unearned.

Westfield scored a run in the second inning on an RBI triple by freshman shortstop Alicia Gardner, who also delivered a two-run single in Westfield's four-run fourth inning. The game-winning blow was a two-run single by senior second baseman Jen "Scoops" Raymond.

The Owls added insurance tallies on an RBI groundout in the sixth by Gardner and on an RBI triple in the seventh by Katie Gorman.

Gardner was 2 for 3 with a triple and four RBI and Gorman was 2 for 4.

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Salem State vs Westfield State (May 01, 2008)

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Box score (NCAA)

2008 Westfield State Softball
Salem State at Westfield State
May 01, 2008 at Westfield, MA (Alumni Field)

Salem State 0 (19-20)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Sarah Funk 2b............	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0
Jess Baird cf............	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Amanda Scola c...........	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Taylor Orlando lf........	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Erica Sonia rf/dh........	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Jenna Lentine 3b.........	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Katie Oram ss............	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Katelyn Doherty p........	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	2
Kara Beauregard dh/rf....	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Michelle Enos 1b.........	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0
Totals..................	23	0	4	0	0	12	18	11	2

Westfield State 5 (22-11)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Jackie Mason cf..........	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Kim Brennan dh...........	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Allison Allen rf.........	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Katie Gorman 1b..........	2	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0
Lisa Donahue pr.........	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adrienne Walker 3b.......	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Alicia Gardner ss........	3	0	1	1	0	1	3	1	1
Jen Raymond 2b...........	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	0
Danielle Lutenegger lf...	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Gia Calabrese c..........	3	0	1	0	0	0	12	1	0
Kristyn Carroll pr......	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chelsea Sylvia p.........	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals..................	26	5	8	4	1	1	21	5	5

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Salem State.........	000 000 0 -	0	4	1
Westfield State.....	001 130 X -	5	8	0

E - Sonia. DP - WESTSB 1. LOB - SSCSB 2; WESTSB 5. 2B - Allen 2; Gardner; Calabrese. SH - Gorman. SB - Donahue. CS - Sonia.

Salem State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Katelyn Doherty.....	6.0	8	5	4	1	1	26	28

Westfield State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Chelsea Sylvia......	7.0	4	0	0	0	12	23	23

Win - Sylvia (14-5). Loss - None. Save - None.
WP - Doherty.
Umpires - HP: Arthur Balser 1B: Barry Rhoads
Start: 4:00 Time: 1:15 Attendance: 100
Game: WESTSB33

Play-by-Play

2008 Westfield State Softball
Salem State at Westfield State - Play-by-Play
May 01, 2008 at Westfield, MA (Alumni Field)

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Salem State.........	000 000 0 -	0	4	1
Westfield State.....	001 130 X -	5	8	0

Salem State starters: 21/2b Funk; 4/cf Baird; 24/c Scola; 5/lf Orlando; 7/rf Sonia; 9/3b Lentine; 6/ss Oram; 27/p Doherty; 14/dh Beauregard; 11/1b Enos;
Westfield State starters: 8/cf Mason; 6/dh Brennan; 4/rf Allen; 22/1b Gorman; 20/3b Walker; 1/ss Gardner; 14/2b Raymond; 18/lf Lutenegger; 12/c Calabrese; 10/p Sylvia;

Salem State 1st - Funk struck out swinging. Baird struck out swinging. Scola struck out looking. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 1st - Mason grounded out to p. Brennan grounded out to 2b unassisted. Allen grounded out to 1b unassisted. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Salem State 2nd - Orlando struck out swinging. Sonia singled to center field. Sonia out at second c to ss, caught stealing. Lentine struck out swinging. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - Gorman grounded out to 2b. Walker grounded out to ss. Gardner struck out looking. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Salem State 3rd - Oram struck out swinging. Doherty struck out swinging. Beauregard lined out to ss. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - Raymond out at first p to 2b. Lutenegger popped up to 1b. Calabrese doubled to left center. Carroll pinch ran for Calabrese. Mason singled up the middle, RBI; Carroll scored. Calabrese to c for Carroll. Brennan grounded out to ss. *1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Salem State 4th - Funk struck out looking. Baird grounded out to ss. Scola struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - Allen doubled down the rf line. Gorman grounded out to 1b unassisted, SAC; Allen advanced to third. Walker reached on a fielder's choice. Walker advanced to second on the throw. Gardner doubled down the lf line, RBI; Walker advanced to third; Allen scored. Raymond grounded out to p, bunt. Lutenegger grounded out to 3b. *1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Salem State 5th - Orlando out at first p to 2b. Sonia lined out to 2b. Lentine singled to second base. Oram singled down the rf line; Lentine advanced to second. Doherty struck out looking. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 5th - Calabrese grounded out to ss. Mason grounded out to p. Brennan singled down the rf line. Allen doubled to right center; Brennan advanced to third. Gorman singled to right field, RBI; Allen advanced to third; Brennan scored. Gorman advanced to second on a throwing error by rf; Allen scored on the error. Donahue pinch ran for Gorman. Donahue stole third. Walker singled to right field, RBI; Donahue scored, unearned. Gorman to 1b for Donahue. Gardner lined out to rf. *3 runs, 4 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Salem State 6th - Beauregard struck out swinging. Funk struck out looking. Baird lined out to ss. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 6th - Sonia to dh. Beauregard to rf. Raymond walked. Lutenegger reached on a fielder's choice, bunt; Raymond out at second p to ss. Lutenegger advanced to second on a wild pitch. Calabrese flied out to rf. Mason grounded out to 3b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Salem State 7th - Scola grounded out to 2b. Orlando singled to left field. Sonia grounded into double play 2b to 1b; Orlando out on the play. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

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Westfield Shuts Down Salem, 5-0

Westfield shortstop Alicia Gardner tags out Salem's Eric Sonia on a stolen base attempt during second-inning action.

Box Score

WESTFIELD - Junior Chelsea Sylvia (South Dartmouth) fired a four-hit shutout and struck out 12 to power Westfield to a 5-0 victory over Salem State in the first round of the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) tournament Thursday, May 1.

Westfield, 22-11, advances to the winners' bracket of the four-team, double-elimination tournament where it squares off against rival Bridgewater State, which opened tournament play with a 4-2 victory over Framingham.

The remaining games of the tournament will be hosted by Bridgewater State. In Saturday's 11:00 a.m. game, Salem State plays Framingham State. Westfield plays Bridgewater State at 1:30.

Sylvia came with her "A game" as she struck out the side in the first inning and had nine strikeouts thru four innings. She did not issue a walk.

Westfield scored its first run in the third inning when sophomore catcher Gia Calabrese (West Springfield) ripped a two-out double and scored on single by Jackie Mason (Florida, Mass./Drury HS).

Westfield made it 2-0 in the fourth when Allison Allen (Peabody) doubled down the right field line and scored on a double by freshman shortstop Alicia Gardner (Athol).

The Owls scored their final three runs in the fifth inning on four hits, with the bases empty and two outs. Katie Gorman (Feeding Hills) and Adrienne Walker (Springfield Sci-Tech) rapped run-scoring singles.

Allen was the only player with multiple hits in the Owls' balanced eight-hit attack. She was 2 for 3 with two doubles and two runs scored.

Salem first baseman Michelle Enos barely beats Allison Allen to the bag for the final out of the first inning. It was the only at bat Allen did not get a hit as she was 2 for 3 with two doubles and two runs scored.

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Owls Host Salem In Tournament

Tournament Bracket

The Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC) announced its pairings for the upcoming MASCAC Softball Tournament and Bridgewater State has earned the No. 1 seed.

The top-seeded Bears (23-15) rolled to a perfect 14-0 regular season conference mark and will host defending MASCAC Tournament champion No. 4 Framingham State (16-21) in the first round of the four-team, double-elimination tournament on Thursday, May 1 at 4:00 p.m.

In Thursday's other first round game, No. 3 Salem State (19-19) plays at No. 2 Westfield State (21-11). Start time is also set for 4:00 p.m.

All semifinal and final games will be played Saturday and Sunday at Bridgewater State. The four teams will compete in the semifinal round on Saturday, May 3.

The championship game will then be played on Sunday, May 4 at 12:00 p.m. If necessary, a deciding game would follow 30 minutes after completion of the first game.

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Bridgewater Blanks Softball, 4-0

Box Score

BRIDGEWATER, Mass. — Junior Alyssa Verronneau (Acushnet, MA) hurled a two-hit shutout to help pace top seeded Bridgewater State College, 4-0, over second-seeded Westfield State in the Winners Bracket of the 2008 MASCAC Softball Tournament at Alumni Park.

The Bears improve their record to 25-15 while the Owls slip to 22-12. Westfield State will play an elimination game tonight against Salem State at 4:30 P.M. The winner will take-on BSC in the Championship game tomorrow at noon.

In a pitchers duel through the first five frames, Bridgewater State pushed across four runs in the bottom of the fifth. With one out, the Bears loaded the bases on three straight base-hits. Sophomore rightfielder Meghan Noyes (Stoughton, MA) would walk in a run and then junior centerfielder Allie LeBlanc (Somerset, MA) belted a bases-clearing double to cap off the scoring for BSC.

Verronneau improved her record to 15-5 in the circle for the Bears. Verronneau allowed two walks while she finished with 10 strikeouts. After allowing the lead-off walk to start the game off, Verronneau settled down and retired 18 of the next 20 batters she faced, before Westfield State threatened to break the shutout in the top of the seventh.

Junior Chelsea Sylvia (South Dartmouth, MA) went the distance and absorbed the loss for the Owls. Sylvia (14-6) allowed four runs on ten hits while giving up six walks. Sylvia also struck out six batters.

Freshman leftfielder Tracey Sanko (Windsor, CT) went 2-for-4 with a run while senior second baseman Nicole Hebert (Taunton, MA) finished 2-for-3. LeBlanc went 1-for-3 with three RBIs.

Junior centerfielder Jackie Mason (Florida, MA) and freshman shortstop Alicia Gardner (Athol, MA) notched the lone hits for Westfield State.

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Westfield State vs Bridgewater State (May 03, 2008)

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Box score (NCAA)

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                    2008 Westfield State Softball
                 Westfield State at Bridgewater State
            May 03, 2008 at Bridgewater, MA (Alumni Park)

Westfield State 0 (22-12)

Player                     AB  R  H RBI  BB SO PO  A LOB
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Jackie Mason cf.........    2  0  1  0    1  1  1  0   0
Kim Brennan dh..........    1  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
Allison Allen rf........    3  0  0  0    0  2  2  1   1
Katie Gorman 1b.........    2  0  0  0    1  1  1  0   1
 Kristyn Carroll pr.....    0  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
Adrienne Walker 3b......    2  0  0  0    0  1  2  1   0
Alicia Gardner ss.......    3  0  1  0    0  1  1  1   0
Jen Raymond 2b..........    2  0  0  0    0  2  5  1   0
 Sam Prouty ph..........    1  0  0  0    0  1  0  0   0
Danielle Lutenegger lf..    2  0  0  0    0  1  0  0   1
 Mary Cunningham ph.....    1  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   2
Gia Calabrese c.........    2  0  0  0    0  0  6  1   0
Chelsea Sylvia p........    0  0  0  0    0  0  0  2   0
Totals..................   21  0  2  0    2 10 18  7   5

Bridgewater State 4 (25-15)

Player                     AB  R  H RBI  BB SO PO  A LOB
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Ciana Godin dh..........    2  1  1  0    0  1  0  0   0
Tracey Sanko lf.........    4  1  2  0    0  2  1  0   1
Meghan Noyes rf.........    2  1  1  1    1  0  0  0   0
Allie LeBlanc cf........    3  0  1  3    0  1  0  0   3
Nicole Hebert 2b........    3  0  2  0    0  0  1  0   0
 Brianna Yearwood pr....    0  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
Rachael Sprague ss......    3  0  1  0    0  1  3  1   0
D. Trull-Donahue 1b.....    2  0  0  0    1  1  5  1   2
Lindsey Allison c.......    3  0  1  0    0  0 10  0   1
Stacy Capodiece 3b......    3  1  1  0    0  0  0  0   0
Alyssa Verronneau p.....    0  0  0  0    0  0  1  1   0
Totals..................   25  4 10  4    2  6 21  3   7

Score by Innings                  R  H  E
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Westfield State..... 000 000 0 -  0  2  1
Bridgewater State... 000 040 X -  4 10  0
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E - Walker(13). LOB - Westfield 5; Bridgewater 7. 2B - LeBlanc(10). HBP - Walker. SH - Brennan 2(6); Godin 2(6). SB - Sanko(9). CS - Yearwood(3).

Westfield State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Chelsea Sylvia......	6.0	10	4	4	2	6	25	29

Bridgewater State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Alyssa Verronneau...	7.0	2	0	0	2	10	21	26

Win - Verronneau (15-5). Loss - Sylvia (14-6). Save - None.
WP - Sylvia(8). HBP - by Verronneau (Walker).
Umpires - HP: Mike Pelland 1B: Jim McGowan
Start: 2:02 PM Time: 1:35 Attendance: 250
Game: WESTSB34

Play-by-Play

2008 Westfield State Softball
Westfield State at Bridgewater State - Play-by-Play
May 03, 2008 at Bridgewater, MA (Alumni Park)

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Westfield State.....	000 000 0 -	0	2	1
Bridgewater State...	000 040 X -	4	10	0

Westfield State starters: 8/cf Mason; 6/dh Brennan; 4/rf Allen; 22/1b Gorman; 20/3b Walker; 1/ss Gardner; 14/2b Raymond; 18/lf Lutenegger; 12/c Calabrese; 10/p Sylvia;
Bridgewater State starters: 9/dh Godin; 6/lf Sanko; 11/rf Noyes; 12/cf LeBlanc; 7/2b Hebert; 15/ss Sprague; 10/1b Trull-Donahu; 21/c Allison; 17/3b Capodiece; 8/p Verronneau;

Westfield State 1st - Mason walked. Brennan out at first 1b to 2b, SAC, bunt; Mason advanced to second. Allen struck out swinging. Gorman struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Bridgewater State 1st - Godin struck out swinging. Sanko struck out swinging, bunt. Noyes singled to shortstop. LeBlanc flied out to cf. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - Walker hit by pitch. Gardner popped up to 1b, bunt. Raymond struck out looking. Lutenegger struck out looking. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Bridgewater State 2nd - Hebert popped up to 2b. Sprague struck out swinging. Trull-Donahu walked. Allison popped up to ss. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - Calabrese lined out to ss. Mason singled to shortstop. Brennan grounded out to 1b unassisted, SAC, bunt; Mason advanced to second. Allen grounded out to ss. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Bridgewater State 3rd - Capodiece reached on a fielding error by 3b. Godin out at first 3b to 2b, SAC, bunt; Capodiece advanced to second. Sanko singled to pitcher, bunt; Capodiece advanced to third. Sanko stole second. Noyes grounded out to p. LeBlanc struck out looking. *0 runs, 1 hit, 1 error, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - Gorman flied out to lf. Walker struck out swinging. Gardner struck out looking. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Bridgewater State 4th - Hebert singled to left field. Yearwood pinch ran for Hebert. Yearwood out at second c to ss to 2b, caught stealing. Sprague flied out to rf. Trull-Donahu struck out swinging. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 5th - Hebert to 2b for Yearwood. Raymond struck out swinging. Lutenegger popped up to ss. Calabrese popped up to ss. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Bridgewater State 5th - Allison popped up to 2b. Capodiece singled through the right side. Godin singled through the left side; Capodiece advanced to second. Sanko singled to third base, bunt; Godin advanced to second; Capodiece advanced to third. Noyes walked, RBI; Sanko advanced to second; Godin advanced to third; Capodiece scored. LeBlanc doubled to right center, out at third rf to 2b to 3b, 3 RBI; Noyes scored; Sanko scored; Godin scored. Hebert singled to left center. Sprague singled through the left side; Hebert advanced to second. Trull-Donahu fouled out to 3b. *4 runs, 6 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 6th - Mason struck out looking. Brennan grounded out to p. Allen struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Bridgewater State 6th - Allison singled to left center. Capodiece flied out to rf. Godin out at first p to 2b, SAC, bunt; Allison advanced to second. Allison advanced to third on a wild pitch. Sanko struck out swinging. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 7th - Gorman walked. Carroll pinch ran for Gorman. Walker popped up to p. Gardner singled through the right side; Carroll advanced to second. Prouty pinch hit for Raymond. Prouty struck out swinging. Cunningham pinch hit for Lutenegger. Cunningham grounded out to 1b unassisted. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Salem State College vs Westfield State (May 03, 2008)

- Box score (NCAA)
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Box score (NCAA)

2008 Westfield State Softball
Salem State College vs Westfield State
May 03, 2008 at Bridgewater, MA (Alumni Park)

Salem State College 2 (20-21)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Jess Baird cf	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Erica Sonia dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amanda Scola c	3	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Sarah Funk 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1
Taylor Orlando lf	4	1	3	1	0	1	1	0	0
Kara Beauregard rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	4
Jenna Lentine 3b	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
Katie Oram ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0
Judie Garceau ph	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Katelyn Doherty p	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2
Michelle Enos 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0
Totals	30	2	10	2	2	2	18	8	10

Westfield State 3 (23-12)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Jackie Mason cf	4	2	3	0	0	0	3	0	1
Allison Allen rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Kim Brennan dh	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Katie Gorman 1b	3	0	1	1	0	0	5	0	0
Kristyn Carroll pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alicia Gardner ss	2	0	0	0	1	0	5	2	1
Adrienne Walker 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4
Angela Stearns 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gia Calabrese c	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Jen Raymond 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0
Danielle Lutenegger lf	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Casey Riddell p	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0
Chelsea Sylvia p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	26	3	8	3	2	1	21	11	8

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Salem State College	100 001 0 -	2	10	1
Westfield State	100 020 X -	3	8	1

E - Oram(12); Stearns(2). LOB - Salem 10; Westfield 8. 2B - Beauregard(1); Lutenegger(5). SH - Doherty(2). SF - Brennan(1). SB - Mason(5).

Salem State College	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Katelyn Doherty.....	6.0	8	3	3	2	1	26	29

Westfield State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Casey Riddell.......	5.0	9	2	2	1	0	23	24
Chelsea Sylvia......	2.0	1	0	0	1	2	7	9

Win - Riddell (7-5). Loss - Doherty (13-8). Save - Sylvia (1).
WP - Doherty(4).
Umpires - HP: Barry Rhoads 1B: Mike Pelland
Start: 4:19 PM Time: 1:18 Attendance: 100
Riddell faced 2 batters in the 6th.
Game: WESTSB35

Play-by-Play

2008 Westfield State Softball
Salem State College vs Westfield State - Play-by-Play
May 03, 2008 at Bridgewater, MA (Alumni Park)

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Salem State College.	100 001 0 -	2	10	1
Westfield State.....	100 020 X -	3	8	1

Salem State College starters: 4/cf Baird; 7/dh Sonia; 24/c Scola; 21/2b Funk; 5/lf Orlando; 14/rf Beauregard; 9/3b Lentine; 6/ss Oram; 27/p Doherty; 11/1b Enos;
Westfield State starters: 8/cf Mason; 4/rf Allen; 6/dh Brennan; 22/1b Gorman; 1/ss Gardner; 20/3b Walker; 12/c Calabrese; 14/2b Raymond; 18/lf Lutenegger; 19/p Riddell;

Salem State College 1st - Baird singled to first base. Sonia reached on a fielder's choice; Baird out at second ss to 2b. Scola reached on a fielder's choice; Sonia out at second p to ss. Funk singled to right field; Scola advanced to third. Orlando singled to right center, RBI; Funk advanced to second; Scola scored. Beauregard grounded out to p. *1 run, 3 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 1st - Mason singled to third base. Allen singled up the middle; Mason advanced to second. Mason stole third. Brennan lined out to rf, SF, RBI; Mason scored. Gorman reached on a fielder's choice; Allen out at second ss to 2b. Gardner walked; Gorman advanced to second. Walker grounded out to 1b unassisted. *1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Salem State College 2nd - Lentine popped up to 2b. Oram grounded out to 2b. Doherty singled up the middle. Baird singled to third base; Doherty advanced to second, out at third ss to p. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - Calabrese fouled out to lf. Raymond grounded out to 1b

unassisted, bunt. Lutenegger singled up the middle. Mason reached on a fielder's choice; Lutenegger out at second 2b to ss. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Salem State College 3rd - Sonia lined out to ss. Scola grounded out to p. Funk flied out to rf. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - Allen grounded out to 3b. Brennan walked. Gorman reached on a fielder's choice; Brennan out at second p to ss. Gorman advanced to second on a wild pitch. Carroll pinch ran for Gorman. Gardner grounded out to 1b unassisted. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Salem State College 4th - Gorman to 1b for Carroll. Orlando singled up the middle. Beauregard reached on a fielder's choice; Orlando out at second p to ss. Lentine walked; Beauregard advanced to second. Oram reached on a fielder's choice; Lentine advanced to second; Beauregard out at third p to 3b. Doherty grounded out to p. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - Walker grounded out to 2b. Calabrese fouled out to 1b. Raymond grounded out to ss. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Salem State College 5th - Baird flied out to cf. Sonia grounded out to 2b. Scola singled to shortstop. Funk popped up to ss. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 5th - Lutenegger doubled to left center. Mason singled to right field, advanced to second on the throw; Lutenegger advanced to third. Allen grounded out to p. Brennan grounded out to 1b unassisted, RBI; Mason advanced to third; Lutenegger scored. Gorman singled up the middle, RBI; Mason scored. Gardner reached on a fielding error by ss; Gorman advanced to second. Walker struck out looking. *2 runs, 3 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.*

Salem State College 6th - Orlando singled to shortstop. Beauregard doubled to left center; Orlando advanced to third. Sylvia to p for Riddell. Lentine popped up to ss. Garceau pinch hit for Oram. Garceau singled to left field, RBI; Orlando scored. Doherty out at first p to 2b, SAC, bunt; Garceau advanced to second; Beauregard advanced to third. Baird flied out to cf. *1 run, 3 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 6th - Oram to ss for Garceau. Calabrese grounded out to ss. Raymond lined out to 3b. Lutenegger singled down the lf line. Mason singled to first base; Lutenegger advanced to second. Allen popped up to 2b. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Salem State College 7th - Stearns to 3b for Walker. Sonia reached on a dropped fly by 3b. Scola walked; Sonia advanced to second. Funk flied out to cf; Sonia advanced to third. Orlando struck out looking. Beauregard struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.*

WESTFIELD ATHLETICS

Westfield Stops Salem, 3-2; Advances To MASCAC Finals

Kim Brennan had two RBI in Westfield's big win over Salem State.

Box Score

BRIDGEWATER - Sophomore Kim Brennan's (Douglas, MA) go-ahead RBI in the fifth broke a 1-1 tie and helped propel No. 2 seeded Westfield State, 3-2, over No. 3 seeded Salem State in the second elimination game of the 2008 MASCAC Softball Tournament hosted by Bridgewater State College.

The Owls will meet the Bears tomorrow in the 2008 MASCAC Softball Tournament Championship game at 10 A.M, which will be at Alumni Park. If necessary, a second game will be played following the conclusion of the first game. The Vikings end the 2008 season with a record of 20-21.

Salem State went up 1-0 in the top of the first on an RBI single by freshman leftfielder Taylor Orlando (Danvers, MA).

Westfield answered back and knotted the score on a sacrifice fly by Brennan.

The score remained tied 1-1 through the next four innings until Westfield scored the go-ahead and insurance runs in the bottom of the fifth. Sophomore leftfielder Danielle Lutenegger (Sunderland, MA) led off the inning with a double and then junior centerfielder Jackie Mason (Florida, MA) singled to right field, with both runners advancing to second and third on the throw back into the infield.

Brennan plated Lutenegger for the go-ahead run and then junior first baseman Katie Gorman (Feeding Hills, MA) drove in Mason for a key insurance run, to make the score 3-1.

In the top of the sixth, Salem State promptly got the first two runners on with a single and a double, to put runners on second and third with no outs. Junior Chelsea Sylvia (South Dartmouth, MA) was then summoned from the bullpen and retired the first batter she faced on a pop-up. Pinch hitter Judie Garceau (Ware, MA) then hit a bloop RBI single to score Orlando, but Sylvia would end the inning getting two quick outs.

The Vikings had a golden opportunity in the top of the seventh when they had runners on the corners with one out, but they failed to capitalize as Sylvia notched a pair of strikeouts to end the game as she picked up her first save of the season.

Junior Casey Riddell (Orange, MA) improved her record to 7-5 in the circle for the Owls. Ridell threw five-plus innings giving up two runs while scattering nine hits. She also allowed one walk.

Junior Katelyn Doherty (Lynnfield, MA) was tagged for the loss as she went the distance for Salem State. Doherty (13-8) went six innings allowing three runs on eight hits. She also finished with two walks and a strikeout.

Mason went 3-for-4 with two runs to help pace Westfield State while Lutenegger went 3-for-3 with a run scored. Brennan also chipped in with two RBI's.

For the Vikings, Orlando went 3-for-4 with a run and an RBI while sophomore centerfielder Jess Baird (Worcester, MA) went 2-for-4.

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Westfield State vs Bridgewater State (May 04, 2008)

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Box score (NCAA)

2008 Westfield State Softball
Westfield State at Bridgewater State
May 04, 2008 at Bridgewater, MA (Swenson Field)

Westfield State 1 (23-13)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Jackie Mason cf.........	2	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0
Allison Allen rf.........	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kim Brennan dh...........	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Katie Gorman 1b..........	3	0	1	1	1	1	6	0	2
Alicia Gardner p/ss......	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0
Adrienne Walker 3b.......	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	5
Danielle Lutenegger lf...	3	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0
Gia Calabrese c..........	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0
Jen Raymond 2b...........	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	2
Lisa Donahue ss..........	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Chelsea Sylvia p........	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Casey Riddell p.........	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals..................	24	1	4	1	4	6	18	12	9

Bridgewater State 5 (26-15)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Ciana Godin dh...........	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Tracey Sanko lf..........	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Meghan Noyes rf..........	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Allie LeBlanc cf.........	3	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
Nicole Hebert 2b.........	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	2
Rachael Sprague ss.......	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	3	0
Lindsey Allison c........	3	0	1	0	0	1	6	1	1
Stacy Capodiece 3b.......	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
D. Trull-Donahue 1b......	2	0	0	0	1	1	7	0	0
Jamie Ducinski p.........	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Alyssa Verronneau p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Totals..................	26	5	10	5	1	3	21	9	7

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Westfield State.....	100 000 0 -	1	4	1
Bridgewater State...	002 030 X -	5	10	2

E - Gorman(3); Noyes(3); Sprague(13). LOB - Westfield 9; Bridgewater 7. HR -

LeBlanc(3); Sprague(2). SH - Allen 3(6); Sanko(13); Noyes 2(4).

Westfield State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Alicia Gardner......	3.0	6	2	2	1	1	14	16
Chelsea Sylvia......	2.1	4	3	0	0	2	11	12
Casey Riddell.......	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	1	2

Bridgewater State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Jamie Ducinski......	3.0	3	1	1	2	2	11	15
Alyssa Verronneau...	4.0	1	0	0	2	4	13	16

Win - Verronneau (16-5). Loss - Gardner (1-1). Save - None.
Umpires - HP: Barry Rhoads 1B: Mike Pelland
Start: 12:49 PM Time: 1:39 Attendance: 250
Game: WESTSB36

Play-by-Play

2008 Westfield State Softball
Westfield State at Bridgewater State - Play-by-Play
May 04, 2008 at Bridgewater, MA (Swenson Field)

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Westfield State.....	100 000 0 -	1	4	1
Bridgewater State...	002 030 X -	5	10	2

Westfield State starters: 8/cf Mason; 4/rf Allen; 6/dh Brennan; 22/1b Gorman; 1/p Gardner; 20/3b Walker; 18/lf Lutenegger; 12/c Calabrese; 14/2b Raymond; 7/ss Donahue;
Bridgewater State starters: 9/dh Godin; 6/lf Sanko; 11/rf Noyes; 12/cf LeBlanc; 7/2b Hebert; 15/ss Sprague; 21/c Allison; 17/3b Capodiece; 10/1b Trull-Donahu; 23/p Ducinski;

Westfield State 1st - Mason singled up the middle. Allen out at first c to 2b, SAC, bunt; Mason advanced to second. Brennan struck out swinging. Gorman singled through the right side, RBI; Mason scored. Gardner singled to left field; Gorman advanced to second. Walker grounded out to p. *1 run, 3 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Bridgewater State 1st - Godin singled to left field. Sanko singled to pitcher, bunt; Godin advanced to second. Noyes out at first p to 2b, SAC, bunt; Sanko advanced to second; Godin advanced to third. LeBlanc grounded out to ss. Hebert grounded out to ss. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - Lutenegger struck out looking. Calabrese grounded out to ss. Raymond grounded out to 1b unassisted. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Bridgewater State 2nd - Sprague grounded out to ss. Allison singled up the middle. Capodiece reached on a fielder's choice; Allison out at second ss to 2b. Trull-Donahu walked; Capodiece advanced to second. Godin grounded out to p. *0*

runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Westfield State 3rd - Mason walked. Allen out at first p to 2b, SAC, bunt; Mason advanced to second. Brennan lined out to 2b. Gorman walked. Gardner reached on a fielding error by ss; Gorman advanced to second; Mason advanced to third. Walker popped up to 2b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 3 LOB.*

Bridgewater State 3rd - Sanko flied out to cf. Noyes singled up the middle. LeBlanc homered to center field, 2 RBI; Noyes scored. Hebert grounded out to ss. Sprague singled through the left side. Allison struck out swinging. *2 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - Verronneau to p for Ducinski. Lutenegger struck out swinging. Calabrese struck out swinging. Raymond popped up to 1b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Bridgewater State 4th - Gardner to ss. Sylvia to p for Donahue. Capodiece struck out swinging. Trull-Donahu out at first 3b to 2b, bunt. Godin flied out to cf. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 5th - Mason walked. Allen out at first p to 2b, SAC, bunt; Mason advanced to second. Brennan reached on a fielder's choice; Mason out at third p to 3b. Gorman grounded out to ss. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Bridgewater State 5th - Sanko reached on a muffed throw by 1b, assist by 3b, bunt. Noyes out at first p to 2b, SAC, bunt; Sanko advanced to second. LeBlanc singled to right center, RBI; Sanko scored, unearned. Hebert fouled out to 3b. Sprague homered to left field, 2 RBI, unearned; LeBlanc scored, unearned. Allison flied out to lf. *3 runs, 2 hits, 1 error, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 6th - Gardner walked. Walker struck out swinging. Lutenegger singled to right center; Gardner advanced to second. Calabrese flied out to lf. Raymond grounded out to 2b. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Bridgewater State 6th - Capodiece singled to center field. Trull-Donahu struck out swinging. Godin singled to left field; Capodiece advanced to second. Riddell to p for Sylvia. Sanko out at first 3b to 2b, SAC, bunt; Godin advanced to second; Capodiece advanced to third. Noyes grounded out to p. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 7th - Mason grounded out to ss. Allen popped up to p. Brennan reached on a dropped fly by rf. Gorman struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

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Softball Falls In MASCAC Finals

Box Score

BRIDGEWATER - The Bridgewater State College softball team will be returning to the NCAA Division III Championships after a one-year hiatus as the Bears knocked off Westfield State College, 5-1, to capture the 2008 MASCAC Tournament title. The tournament championship is BSC's sixth in the eight-year history of the event.

The top seeded Bears (26-15) went undefeated at the tournament posting a 3-0 record. After defeating Framingham State on Thursday, 4-2, the Bears earned a spot in Sunday's championship round by shutting out Westfield in the winner's bracket final on Saturday afternoon, 4-0.

Junior center fielder Allie LeBlanc (Somerset, MA) and junior pitcher Alyssa Verronneau (Acushnet, MA) continued their stellar play in the tournament to lead BSC to the clinching victory.

LeBlanc belted her second home run of the tournament and drove in three more runs to finish with nine RBI in the three games. Verronneau earned her third win as she threw four shutout innings in relief.

Westfield opened the scoring with a run in the top of the first on an RBI single by junior first baseman Katie Gorman (Feeding Hills, MA). Gorman drove in junior center fielder Jackie Mason (Florida, MA) who led off the game with a base hit and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt.

BSC threatened in each of the first two innings but was unable to push across a run. The Bears left runners on second and third in the first inning and two more on in the second.

Bridgewater however was able to break through in the bottom of the third thanks once again to LeBlanc. With one out, sophomore right fielder Meghan Noyes (Stoughton, MA) lined a base hit up the middle. LeBlanc then drove a 2-0 pitch over the centerfield fence to give BSC the 2-1 lead. For LeBlanc it was her third home run of the season.

Verronneau (16-5) came on to start the fourth and kept Westfield off the board the rest of the way. She allowed just one hit, walked two and struck out four. For the tournament, Verronneau posted a 0.77 earned run average with 28 strikeouts in 18 innings of work.

The Bears plated three more runs in the bottom of the fifth as freshman left fielder Tracey Sanko (Windsor, CT) reached on an error to lead off the inning and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Noyes. LeBlanc followed with a RBI single to right center to score Sanko from second. One out later, junior shortstop Rachael Sprague (Duxbury, MA) belted a two-run homer over the leftfield fence to give BSC the 5-1 lead.

LeBlanc, Sprague and senior DP Ciana Godin (Worcester, MA) led BSC's 10-hit attack with two hits apiece. LeBlanc and Sprague both finished 2-for-3 at the plate while Godin went 2-for-4 with a pair of base hits.

Sophomore pitcher Jamie Ducinski (Duxbury, MA) hurled the first three innings for BSC and allowed just the one run on three hits. She walked two and struck out two in her three innings of work before turning the game over to Verronneau.

Freshman Alicia Gardner (Athol, MA) allowed two runs on six hits with a walk and a strikeout in three innings of work for the Owls. Junior Chelsea Sylvia (South Dartmouth, MA) pitched 2 1/3 innings of relief giving up three unearned runs on four hits while striking out two.

With the loss, Westfield finishes 23-13 on the season. The Owls set a school record for most victories in a season.

Bridgewater, who will be making the program's 20th trip to the NCAA Tournament and ninth in the last eleven years, will await word on the NCAA Tournament pairings which are expected to be announced later on this evening.

BSC advanced to the NCAAs for the first time in 1983 followed by a trip in 1985. The Bears made eight straight appearances from 1987 to 1994. In 1994, BSC lost in the national championship game to Trenton State by a score of 6-5.

Bridgewater was back in the tournament in 1996, and then made five consecutive trips from 1998 to 2002 and three straight from 2004 to 2006.

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Softball Award Winners Announced

STUDENT-ATHLETE

The Westfield State softball team announced its major award winners at the college's annual spring sports banquet. From left to right, are: head coach Lou Ann Simchak, Jen Raymond (Phanessa Fisher Award), Alicia Gardner (rookie of the year) and Chelsea Sylvia (outstanding contributor).

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Sylvia Named MASCAC Player Of Year

Junior pitcher Chelsea Sylvian was selected the Mass. State Conference softball Player of the Year.

All Conference Teams

Five Westfield State players were selected to the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) all-conference softball team.

Heading the first-team selections were junior pitcher Chelsea Sylvia (South Dartmouth/New Bedford High School) and freshman shortstop Alicia Gardner (Athol). Sylvia also was chosen the MASCAC Player of the Year and Gardner was named the MASCAC Rookie of the Year.

Sylvia posted a 14-6 pitching record with an earned run average of 1.92. She struck out 159 batters in 127 innings pitched.

Gardner, who throws right and hits left, batted .386 with five doubles, four triples and one home run. She had an on-base percentage of .457.

Westfield's other first-team selections were junior first baseman Katie Gorman (Feeding Hills/Agawam) and senior third baseman Adrienne Walker (Springfield Sci-Tech).

Gorman batted .351 with a team-high 34 hits, including eight doubles, two triples and one home run. Walker hit .269 and ranked second with 22 RBI.

Earning second-team all-conference honors was junior center fielder Jackie Mason (Florida, Mass./Drury). The Owls' leadoff batter hit .311 with five doubles and team highs of five triples, two home runs, 23 RBI and 19 walks.

Westfield State finished its fine season 23-13, setting a school record for most victories in a season, including an 8-0 rout of New England champion Rhode Island College and a doubleheader sweep of NCAA Tournament team Western Connecticut State. The Owls placed second in the conference behind perennial power Bridgewater State.

Westfield State freshman shortstop Alicia Gardner is the MASCAC Rookie of the Year.

Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference

2008 All-MASCAC Softball Teams

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MASCAC ANNOUNCES 2008 SOFTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

The Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC) announced its 2008 All-Conference softball teams as voted upon by each of the MASCAC's eight head coaches.

FIRST TEAM ALL-MASCAC

Chelsea Sylvia	Westfield State	Pitcher
Alyssa Verronneau	Bridgewater State	Pitcher
Amanda Scola	Salem State	Catcher
Katie Gorman	Westfield State	First Base
Nicole Hebert	Bridgewater State	Second Base
Adrienne Walker	Westfield State	Third Base
Alicia Gardner	Westfield State	Shortstop
Allie LeBlanc	Bridgewater State	Outfielder
Jess Baird	Salem State	Outfielder
Jessie Krause	Fitchburg State	Outfielder
Sarah Funk	Salem State	Designated Player

SECOND TEAM ALL-MASCAC

Katelyn Doherty	Salem State	Pitcher
Kelly Knox	Framingham State	Pitcher
Ashley Nye	Worcester State	Catcher
Danielle Trull-Donahue	Bridgewater State	First Base
Meghan Callahan	Fitchburg State	Second Base
Lauren Cuccinota	Fitchburg State	Third Base
Ashley Morrison	MCLA	Shortstop
Jackie Mason	Westfield State	Outfielder
Taylor Kenyon	MCLA	Outfielder
Meghan Noyes	Bridgewater State	Outfielder
Ciana Godin	Bridgewater State	Designated Player

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Chelsea Sylvia	Westfield State	Pitcher

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Alicia Gardner	Westfield State	Shortstop

COACH OF THE YEAR

Lori Salvia	Bridgewater State

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Field Hockey Blanks Nichols, 3-0

Three Second-Half Goals Spark Owls

Amanda Bums (middle) scores the Owls' third goal while teammates Kara Guittarr (left) and Ashley Wojnarowski (No. 9) celebrate.

Box Score

WESTFIELD – Westfield State struck for three second-half goals in a 3-0 non-conference field hockey victory over Nichols College Thursday afternoon, Sept. 11.

The Owls, who avenged a 7-1 defeat at Nichols last year, improved to 2-1. The Bison dropped to 0-2.

Freshman forward Jessi Gould scored the game-winning goal with 20:43 left in regulation, Gould, who racked a school-record five goals on Tuesday vs. Elms, scored off a goalie pads rebound.

Junior transfer Ashley Wojnarowski of South Hadley scored just over two minutes later, following a nice cross assist from sophomore Alicia Gardner of Athol. Sophomore Amanda Bums scored the final goal with 5:19 remaining.

Scoring:
Westfield: Jessi Gould (Ali Rheaume), 49:15
Westfield: Ashley Wojnarowski (Alicia Gardner), 51:31
Westfield: Amanda Bums (Kara Guittarr), 64:61

Goalie Saves:
Westfield: Amanda McCarthy 2 saves

Nichols: MaryKate Bednarz 7 saves

Freshman Jessi Gould chases down a loose ball vs. Nichols. Trailing on the play for the Owls are Alicia Gardner (1) and Kara Guittar (19).

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Bridgewater Bests Westfield, 3-2

Box Score

BRIDGEWATER, Mass. – Sophomore forward Bethany Bush (Littleton, MA) tallied a pair of goals and assisted on the eventual game-winner to lead the Bridgewater State College field hockey team to a 3-2 victory over Westfield State in a Little East Conference clash at Swenson Field.

With the key conference win, the Bears improve to 4-6 on the season and more impordantly 3-2 in the Little East standings. Westfield dips to 4-5 overall and 1-4 in conference play.

Bush continued her recent scoring spree as she has four goals and two assists over the last three games. Bush gave BSC a quick 1-0 lead as she potted her fifth goal of the season less than three minutes into the contest off an assist from junior forward Stephanie Barry (Pembroke, MA).

Bush would increase the lead to 2-0 in the 16th minute, notching her team-leading sixth goal of the season with the assist going to sophomore midfielder Jenny Jackson (Somerset, MA). Bush would return the favor early in the second hal, assisting on Jackson's second goal of the season to give the the Bears a 3-0 lead in the 39th minute.

Westfield would not go down quietly as the Owls cut the deficit to 3-2 on consecutive goals by senior forward Kara Guittarr (Dedham, MA) and senior midfielder Vicky Winson (Upton, MA). Winson's goal, coming in the 68th minute, came off a penalty corner with the assist going to sophomore midfielder Alicia Gardner (Athol, MA).

Bridgewater held a 14-7 advantage in shots including a 7-1 edge in the first half. Westfield did not get a shot on goal over the first 35 minutes, but put all six of their second half shots on frame. BSC sophomore netminder Katie Weber (Arlington, MA) made four saves in the game with all of them coming in the final stanza. Westfield freshman goaltender Amanda McCarthy (Franklin, MA) made eight saves between the pipes for the Owls.

The Bears will entertain Keene State College on Thursday afternoon at 4 PM in another key Little East Conference game. Westfield State travels to Smith College on Thursday (6:00) for a non-conference game with the Pioneers.

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Westfield Outlasts Plymouth, 3-2

Owls Survive Second-Half Barrage

Freshman Jessi Gould Scores Westfield's first goal in a big win over Plymouth State.
Photos By Tom Moriarty

Box Score

WESTFIELD – Westfield State jumped out to a 3-0 halftime lead and held on for a big 3-2 field hockey conference victory over Plymouth State University on Saturday, Oct. 11.

Westfield improved to 6-5 overall and 2-4 in the Little East Conference. Plymouth is 5-5 and 4-3.

Freshman standout Jessi Gould (Canton) scored two of Westfield's three goals. Gould scored an unassisted goal 1:28 into the game, then tallied a key goal with six seconds left in the first half.

Sophomore Alicia Gardner (Athol) scored the Owls' other goal with 3:30 remaining in the first half. Senior midfielder Vicky Winson (Upton) assisted on the two goals.

Plymouth totally dominated the second half, outshooting Westfield, 9-0. Plymouth also had 10 penalty corners in the second half while Westfield had none.

The Panthers finally lit up the scoreboard with 6:01 remaining on an unassisted goal by freshman Lauren Bergeron (New Hampton, N.H.)

Plymouth scored its second goal with 24 seconds left in the game; a goal by Kristina Conroy (Wakefield, Mass.) following a penalty corner.

Plymouth dominated Westfield in shots (18-8) and penalty corners (13-1).

Owl goalie Amanda McCarthy made seven seven saves.

Westfield State players watch their third score cross the goal line.

Plymouth State vs Westfield State (Oct 11, 2008)

- Box Score
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Field Hockey Box Score

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                    Field Hockey Box Score (Final)
               The Automated ScoreBook For Field Hockey
     Plymouth State vs Westfield State (Oct 11, 2008 at Westfield, Mass.)


Plymouth State (5-5; 4-3) vs.                           Goals by period      1  2  Tot
Westfield State (6-5; 2-4)                              ------------------------------
Date: Oct 11, 2008  Attendance: 75                      Plymouth State......  0  2 -  2
Weather: sunny, 70                                      Westfield State.....  3  0 -  3

Plymouth State                                      Westfield State
Pos ## Player                Sh  G  A DS            Pos ## Player                Sh  G  A DS
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GK  40 Sam Reuss...........   -  -  -  -            GK  32 Amanda McCarthy.....   -  -  -  -
     1 Kerry D'Ambroise....   2  -  -  -                 1 Alicia Gardner......   1  1  -  -
     3 Brittany Treichel...   -  -  -  -                 2 Kate Moss...........   3  -  -  -
     6 Cortney Colligan....   -  -  -  -                 3 Vicky Winson........   1  -  2  -
     7 Lauren Bergeron.....   2  1  -  -                 4 Ali Rheaume.........   -  -  -  -
    10 Morgan Lemmon.......   2  -  -  -                10 Alyssa Wesoly.......   -  -  -  1
    14 Kristina Conroy.....   3  1  -  -                13 Jessi Gould.........   2  2  -  -
    15 Lindsey Hiltz.......   -  -  -  -                19 Kara Guittarr.......   1  -  -  -
    18 Sammi Romano........   2  -  -  -                20 Kasey Bascetta......   -  -  -  -
    20 Sarah Smith.........   2  -  -  -                22 Alex Brandt.........   -  -  -  -
    21 Melinda Rozumek.....   -  -  -  -                24 Nicole Gagnon.......   -  -  -  -
     ---------- Substitutes ----------                   ---------- Substitutes ----------
     8 Kaleigh Chase.......   1  -  -  -                 5 Taylor Murray.......   -  -  -  -
     9 Christina Parisi....   -  -  -  -                16 Amanda Burns........   -  -  -  -
    12 Laura Rianhard......   2  -  1  -                21 Heather Beninati....   -  -  -  -
    16 Cyndi Lillibridge...   -  -  -  -                25 Jackie Donovan......   -  -  -  -
    23 Betsy Renauld.......   -  -  -  -                   Totals..............   8  3  2  1
       Totals..............  16  2  1  0

Plymouth State                                      Westfield State
## Player                MIN   GA Saves             ## Player                MIN   GA Saves
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40 Sam Reuss...........  70:00  3     3             32 Amanda McCarthy.....  70:00  2     7

Shots by period      1  2  Tot                      Saves by period      1  2  Tot
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Plymouth State......  7  9 - 16                     Plymouth State......  3  0 -  3
Westfield State.....  8  0 -  8                     Westfield State.....  3  4 -  7

Penalty corners      1  2  Tot
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Plymouth State......  3 10 - 13
Westfield State.....  1  0 -  1


SCORING SUMMARY:
GOAL   Time Team     Goal Scorer            Assists                                    Description
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 1.    1:28 WESFH    Jessi Gould            (unassisted)
 2.   31:30 WESFH    Alicia Gardner         Vicky Winson
 3.   34:54 WESFH    Jessi Gould            Vicky Winson
 4.   63:59 PSUFH08  Lauren Bergeron        (unassisted)
 5.   69:36 PSUFH08  Kristina Conroy        Laura Rianhard


PLAYER CARDS:
GC-WESFH #1 (20:17); GC-PSUFH08 #8 (63:59)
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Timekeeper: Ethan Kelleher; Scorer: Matt Gardner;
Offsides: Plymouth State 0, Westfield State 0.
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Shot Chart

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                                  Shot Chart
                    The Automated ScoreBook For Field Hockey
      Plymouth State vs Westfield State (Oct 11, 2008 at Westfield, Mass.)

                               Team Shot Summary

 Plymouth State                           Westfield State
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 TOTAL SHOTS ATTEMPTED      16            TOTAL SHOTS ATTEMPTED      8
 BLOCKED BY DEFENSE          2            BLOCKED BY DEFENSE         2
 SHOTS OFF TARGET            5            SHOTS OFF TARGET           0
 POSTS                       0            POSTS                      0
 SHOTS ON TARGET             9            SHOTS ON TARGET            6
   SAVED BY GOALIE           7              SAVED BY GOALIE          3
   GOALS SCORED              2              GOALS SCORED             3
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Play-by-Play Summary

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                     Play-by-Play Summary (1st period)
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        Plymouth State vs Westfield State (Oct 11, 2008 at Westfield, Mass.)

      Plymouth State Starters:                Westfield State Starters:
      GK  40 Sam Reuss                        GK  32 Amanda McCarthy
           1 Kerry D'Ambroise                      1 Alicia Gardner
           3 Brittany Treichel                     2 Kate Moss
           6 Cortney Colligan                      3 Vicky Winson
           7 Lauren Bergeron                       4 Ali Rheaume
          10 Morgan Lemmon                        10 Alyssa Wesoly
          14 Kristina Conroy                      13 Jessi Gould
          15 Lindsey Hiltz                        19 Kara Guittarr
          18 Sammi Romano                         20 Kasey Bascetta
          20 Sarah Smith                          22 Alex Brandt
          21 Melinda Rozumek                      24 Nicole Gagnon

      [00:00] Sam Reuss at goalie for PSUFH08.
      [00:00] Amanda McCarthy at goalie for WESFH.
      [01:28] GOAL by WESFH Jessi Gould (FIRST GOAL).

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====================  PLYMOUTH STATE 0, WESTFIELD STATE 1
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      [04:21] Shot by WESFH Kate Moss, SAVE Sam Reuss.
      [05:31] Shot by WESFH Vicky Winson BLOCKED.
      [05:40] Shot by WESFH Kate Moss, SAVE Sam Reuss.
      [07:51] Shot by WESFH Kate Moss, SAVE Sam Reuss.
      [09:25] Penalty corner by PSUFH08 Sarah Smith.
      [09:47] Shot by PSUFH08 Sarah Smith, SAVE Amanda McCarthy.
      [11:41] Shot by PSUFH08 Kristina Conroy BLOCKED.
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        [12:18] Penalty corner by PSUFH08 Sammi Romano.
        [13:18] WESFH substitution: Taylor Murray for Vicky Winson.
        [14:10] WESFH substitution: Amanda Burns for Kate Moss.
        [15:49] PSUFH08 substitution: Laura Rianhard for Sammi Romano.
        [17:13] Penalty corner by PSUFH08 Sammi Romano.
        [18:17] WESFH substitution: Kate Moss for Kara Guittarr.
        [19:11] Shot by PSUFH08 Kaleigh Chase WIDE.
        [20:17] Green card on WESFH Alicia Gardner.
        [23:26] Shot by PSUFH08 Laura Rianhard, SAVE Amanda McCarthy.
        [23:48] PSUFH08 substitution: Christina Parisi for Sarah Smith.
        [25:30] Shot by PSUFH08 Laura Rianhard WIDE.
        [27:50] PSUFH08 substitution: Kerry D'Ambroise for Christina Parisi.
        [28:13] WESFH substitution: Jessi Gould for Kate Moss.
        [31:04] Shot by WESFH Kara Guittarr BLOCKED.
        [31:18] Penalty corner by WESFH Alicia Gardner.
        [31:30] GOAL by WESFH Alicia Gardner, Assist by Vicky Winson.

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====================  PLYMOUTH STATE 0, WESTFIELD STATE 2
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        [32:23] Shot by PSUFH08 Kerry D'Ambroise, SAVE Amanda McCarthy.
        [33:45] Shot by PSUFH08 Kerry D'Ambroise WIDE.
        [34:54] GOAL by WESFH Jessi Gould, Assist by Vicky Winson.

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====================  PLYMOUTH STATE 0, WESTFIELD STATE 3
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        End of period [35:00].
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                        Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)

        Start of 2nd period [35:00].
        [39:36] Shot by PSUFH08 Sammi Romano, SAVE Amanda McCarthy.
        [40:09] Penalty corner by PSUFH08 Kristina Conroy.
        [41:03] Penalty corner by PSUFH08 Cyndi Lillibridge.
        [41:16] Penalty corner by PSUFH08 Cyndi Lillibridge.
        [41:43] Shot by PSUFH08 Morgan Lemmon WIDE.
        [41:56] Penalty corner by PSUFH08 Cyndi Lillibridge.
        [43:20] Penalty corner by PSUFH08 Sarah Smith.
        [46:48] WESFH substitution: Kara Guittarr for Kate Moss.
        [47:28] WESFH substitution: Heather Beninati for Jessi Gould.
        [48:00] Shot by PSUFH08 Sarah Smith, SAVE Amanda McCarthy.
        [50:08] Penalty corner by PSUFH08 Sammi Romano.
        [52:36] Timeout by WESFH.
        [53:57] Shot by PSUFH08 Sammi Romano WIDE.
        [54:33] Penalty corner by PSUFH08 Sarah Smith.
        [54:58] Penalty corner by PSUFH08 Sammi Romano.
        [55:22] Penalty corner by PSUFH08 Sarah Smith.
        [57:49] Shot by PSUFH08 Morgan Lemmon BLOCKED.
        [57:58] Penalty corner by PSUFH08 Kerry D'Ambroise.
        [59:16] PSUFH08 substitution: Betsy Renauld for Sammi Romano.
        [59:34] WESFH substitution: Kara Guittarr for Amanda Burns.
        [62:48] WESFH substitution: Kasey Bascetta for Jackie Donovan.
        [63:59] Green card on PSUFH08 Kaleigh Chase.
        [63:59] GOAL by PSUFH08 Lauren Bergeron.

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====================  PLYMOUTH STATE 1, WESTFIELD STATE 3
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        [66:32] Shot by PSUFH08 Kristina Conroy, SAVE Amanda McCarthy.
        [69:06] Shot by PSUFH08 Lauren Bergeron, SAVE Amanda McCarthy.
        [69:36] GOAL by PSUFH08 Kristina Conroy, Assist by Laura Rianhard.

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====================  PLYMOUTH STATE 2, WESTFIELD STATE 3
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====================  PLYMOUTH STATE 2, WESTFIELD STATE 3
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Field Hockey Edges Framingham, 2-1

Hold Off Rams In Final Minutes

Alicia Gardner scores late in the game to give the Owls a 2-0 lead. Photo By Tom Moriarty

Box Score

WESTFIELD - Sophomore Alicia Gardner tallied a goal and an assist to lead Westfield State to a 2-1 victory over Framingham State in conference field hockey action Saturday morning, Oct. 18.

The Owls improved to 8-5 overall and 3-4 in the conference; the Rams are 8-4 and 3-4.

Sophomore Kasey Bascetta (Granby, Conn.) opened the scoring for the Owls 4:09 into the second half off a penalty corner, with the assist by Gardner.

Gardner scored the eventual game-winning goal with three minutes remaining in the game. Freshman Jessi Gould was credited with the assist.

The Rams made it interesting by scoring with 1:48 remaining on an unassisted goal by sophomore Kristen Sacco (Mendon, Mass).

Westfield State outshot Framingham State, 22-7. Ram goalie Allesha Kenyon (Westford) made nine saves.

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Framingham State vs Westfield State (Oct 18, 2008)

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Field Hockey Box Score

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                     Field Hockey Box Score (Final)
                  The Automated ScoreBook For Field Hockey
      Framingham State vs Westfield State (Oct 18, 2008 at Westfield, Mass.)


Framingham State (8-4; 3-4) vs.                     Goals by period       1  2  Tot
Westfield State (8-5; 3-4)                          ------------------------------
Date: Oct 18, 2008  Attendance: 50                  Framingham State....  0  1 -  1
Weather: sunny, cool                                Westfield State.....  0  2 -  2

Framingham State                                Westfield State
Pos ## Player                  Sh  G  A DS      Pos ## Player                  Sh  G  A DS
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GK  00 Allesha Kenyon......    -   -  -  -      GK  32 Amanda McCarthy.....    -   -  -  -
     1 Andrea DiTerlizzi...    -   -  -  -           1 Alicia Gardner......    3   1  1  -
     5 Kali Barrett........    2   -  -  -           2 Kate Moss...........    2   -  -  -
     7 Cailyn Morgan.......    1   -  -  -           3 Vicky Winson........    2   -  -  -
     8 Kristin Gentili.....    -   -  -  -           4 Ali Rheaume.........    -   -  -  -
    10 Kristen Sacco.......    4   1  -  -          10 Alyssa Wesoly.......    -   -  -  -
    12 Katie Wotherspoon...    -   -  -  -          13 Jessi Gould.........    9   -  1  -
    15 Jade Franzen........    -   -  -  -          19 Kara Guittarr.......    2   -  -  -
    17 Kira Terrill........    -   -  -  -          20 Kasey Bascetta......    2   1  -  -
    20 Kayleigh Force......    -   -  -  -          22 Alex Brandt.........    -   -  -  -
    21 Ashley Blinn........    -   -  -  -          24 Nicole Gagnon.......    -   -  -  -
   ---------- Substitutes ----------               ---------- Substitutes ----------
     4 Anna Channing.......    -   -  -  -           5 Taylor Murray.......    -   -  -  -
    11 Lisa Connors........    -   -  -  -          16 Amanda Burns........    2   -  -  -
    18 Katie Barry.........    -   -  -  -          18 Katie Philbrick.....    -   -  -  -
       Totals..............    7   1  0  0             Totals..............   22   2  2  0

Framingham State                                Westfield State
## Player                 MIN   GA Saves        ## Player                 MIN   GA Saves
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00 Allesha Kenyon......  70:00  2      9        32 Amanda McCarthy.....  70:00  1      2

Shots by period       1  2  Tot                 Saves by period       1  2  Tot
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Framingham State....  1  6 -  7                  Framingham State....  2  7 -  9
Westfield State.....  9 13 - 22                  Westfield State.....  0  2 -  2

Penalty corners       1  2  Tot
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Framingham State....  3  0 -  3
Westfield State.....  2  7 -  9


SCORING SUMMARY:
GOAL  Time Team     Goal Scorer          Assists                           Description
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 1.   39:51 WESFH   Kasey Bascetta       Alicia Gardner                    goal off penalty corner
 2.   67:01 WESFH   Alicia Gardner       Jessi Gould
 3.   68:22 FRA     Kristen Sacco        (unassisted)

PLAYER CARDS:

Timekeeper: Ethan Kelleher; Scorer: Matt Gardner;
Offsides: Framingham State 0, Westfield State 0.
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Shot Chart

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                              Shot Chart
                 The Automated ScoreBook For Field Hockey
    Framingham State vs Westfield State (Oct 18, 2008 at Westfield, Mass.)

                          Team Shot Summary

 Framingham State                        Westfield State
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 TOTAL SHOTS ATTEMPTED        7          TOTAL SHOTS ATTEMPTED      22
 BLOCKED BY DEFENSE           2          BLOCKED BY DEFENSE          6
 SHOTS OFF TARGET             2          SHOTS OFF TARGET            5
 POSTS                        0          POSTS                       0
 SHOTS ON TARGET              3          SHOTS ON TARGET            11
   SAVED BY GOALIE            2            SAVED BY GOALIE           9
   GOALS SCORED               1            GOALS SCORED              2
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Play-by-Play Summary

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                      Play-by-Play Summary (1st period)
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      Framingham State Starters:              Westfield State Starters:
      GK  00 Allesha Kenyon                   GK  32 Amanda McCarthy
           1 Andrea DiTerlizzi                     1 Alicia Gardner
           5 Kali Barrett                          2 Kate Moss
           7 Cailyn Morgan                         3 Vicky Winson
           8 Kristin Gentili                       4 Ali Rheaume
          10 Kristen Sacco                        10 Alyssa Wesoly
          12 Katie Wotherspoon                    13 Jessi Gould
          15 Jade Franzen                         19 Kara Guittarr
          17 Kira Terrill                         20 Kasey Bascetta
          20 Kayleigh Force                       22 Alex Brandt
          21 Ashley Blinn                         24 Nicole Gagnon

      [00:00] Allesha Kenyon at goalie for FRA.
      [00:00] Amanda McCarthy at goalie for WESFH.
      [00:24] Shot by WESFH Jessi Gould BLOCKED.
      [06:14] Shot by WESFH Jessi Gould WIDE.
      [09:45] Penalty corner by FRA Kali Barrett.
      [10:54] Shot by WESFH Kate Moss BLOCKED.
      [12:27] Shot by FRA Cailyn Morgan BLOCKED.
      [12:36] Penalty corner by FRA Katie Wotherspoon.
      [13:29] Shot by WESFH Kara Guittarr, SAVE Allesha Kenyon.
      [14:06] Shot by WESFH Jessi Gould, SAVE Allesha Kenyon.
      [14:37] WESFH substitution: Amanda Burns for Kate Moss.
      [20:09] Shot by WESFH Jessi Gould WIDE.
      [21:06] FRA substitution: Lisa Connors for Cailyn Morgan.
      [21:58] WESFH substitution: Kate Moss for Kara Guittarr.
      [26:00] Penalty corner by FRA Ashley Blinn.
      [27:28] FRA substitution: Anna Channing for Lisa Connors.
      [27:28] FRA substitution: Cailyn Morgan for Ashley Blinn.
      [28:11] FRA substitution: Ashley Blinn for Jade Franzen.
      [28:58] Shot by WESFH Kate Moss BLOCKED.
      [29:05] Shot by WESFH Alicia Gardner BLOCKED.
      [30:42] WESFH substitution: Kara Guittarr for Kate Moss.
      [33:23] Penalty corner by WESFH Alicia Gardner.
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        [33:40] Shot by WESFH Vicky Winson WIDE.
        [34:01] Penalty corner by WESFH Alicia Gardner.
        End of period [35:00].
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Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)

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        Start of 2nd period [35:00].
        [37:07] Shot by WESFH Jessi Gould, SAVE Allesha Kenyon.
        [37:15] Penalty corner by WESFH Alicia Gardner.
        [39:32] Penalty corner by WESFH Alicia Gardner.
        [39:51] GOAL by WESFH Kasey Bascetta (FIRST GOAL), Assist by Alicia Gardner.

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====================  FRAMINGHAM STATE 0, WESTFIELD STATE 1
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        *goal off penalty corner
        [39:49] Timeout by FRA.
        [42:00] WESFH substitution: Amanda Burns for Jessi Gould.
        [45:43] WESFH substitution: Jessi Gould for Kate Moss.
        [48:07] Penalty corner by WESFH Alicia Gardner.
        [48:28] Shot by WESFH Kara Guittarr, SAVE Allesha Kenyon.
        [48:41] Shot by WESFH Alicia Gardner, SAVE Allesha Kenyon.
        [48:47] Shot by WESFH Amanda Burns WIDE.
        [49:17] Shot by FRA Kristen Sacco WIDE.
        [49:56] WESFH substitution: Taylor Murray for Alicia Gardner.
        [52:04] FRA substitution: Cailyn Morgan for Lisa Connors.
        [52:31] FRA substitution: Katie Barry for Kristen Sacco.
        [52:44] Penalty corner by WESFH Jessi Gould.
        [52:54] Shot by WESFH Jessi Gould, SAVE Allesha Kenyon.
        [53:38] WESFH substitution: Alicia Gardner for Taylor Murray.
        [55:52] WESFH substitution: Kate Moss for Katie Philbrick.
        [56:03] Penalty corner by WESFH Alicia Gardner.
        [56:58] Shot by FRA Kali Barrett, SAVE Amanda McCarthy.
        [58:53] WESFH substitution: Kara Guittarr for Kate Moss.
        [59:32] FRA substitution: Katie Wotherspoon for Katie Barry.
        [61:19] Shot by WESFH Jessi Gould, SAVE Allesha Kenyon.
        [62:05] Shot by WESFH Jessi Gould BLOCKED.
        [62:45] FRA substitution: Kali Barrett for Lisa Connors.
        [62:53] Timeout by WESFH.
        [64:00] Shot by FRA Kali Barrett, SAVE Amanda McCarthy.
        [65:30] Shot by FRA Kristen Sacco WIDE.
        [66:23] Shot by WESFH Jessi Gould WIDE.
        [66:50] Penalty corner by WESFH Alicia Gardner.
        [66:50] Penalty corner by WESFH Alicia Gardner.
        [66:50] Shot by WESFH Vicky Winson, SAVE Allesha Kenyon.
        [67:01] GOAL by WESFH Alicia Gardner, Assist by Jessi Gould.

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====================  FRAMINGHAM STATE 0, WESTFIELD STATE 2
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        [68:31] Shot by FRA Kristen Sacco BLOCKED.
        [68:22] GOAL by FRA Kristen Sacco.

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====================  FRAMINGHAM STATE 1, WESTFIELD STATE 2
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        [69:01] Shot by WESFH Kasey Bascetta BLOCKED.
        [69:08] Shot by WESFH Amanda Burns, SAVE Allesha Kenyon.
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End of period (70:00)

Framingham State 1, Westfield State 2

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Owls Earn ECAC Field Hockey Bid

Host Becker College On Wednesday At 2:00

Senior midfielder Ali Rheaume (above) was named to the Little East all-conference second team along with teammate Jessi Gould, who also was the conference rookie of the year.

The Westfield State College field hockey team has received an invitation to the ECAC New England Division III field hockey tournament and will host a first-round game this Wednesday, Nov. 12.

The No. 3 seed Owls will entertain Becker College at 2:00 p.m. at Alumni Field. Westfield State and Becker played during the regular season with the Owls winning 4-1 at Becker.

In other first-round matchups, No. 2 Plymouth State hosts Framingham State and No. 4 St. Joseph's of Maine hosts No. 5 Worcester State. No. 1 seed Endicott College drew a bye in the seven-team, single-elimination tournament.

The semifinals and championship games will be played at the home sites of the remaining higher seeds on Saturday, Nov. 15 and Sunday, Nov. 16.

Westfield State enters the game with a 11-7 record. The Owls lost six of their games by a goal.

Westfield State's leading scorer is freshman Jessi Gould (17 goals, 2 assists), who was named the Rookie of the Year in the 12-team Little East Conference. Gould also was an all-conference second-team selection along with senior midfielder Ali Rheaume.

Senior Vicky Winson is the second leading scorer (7-6-20), followed by Kate Moss (5-8-18), Amanda Burns (6-0-12), Kara Guittarr (5-2-12) and Alicia Gardner (2-8-12).

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Plymouth State Downs Westfield, 5-1

ECAC New England Tournament Semifinals

Box Score

PLYMOUTH, N.H. – Junior Morgan Lemmon (Gilford, N.H./Bishop Brady) scored one goal and assisted on two others Sunday afternoon as second-seeded Plymouth State University defeated third-seeded Westfield State College, 5-1, in a semifinal game of the ECAC New England Field Hockey Tournament at Arold Field.

The Panthers (15-7) advance to the tournament championship game on Tuesday at Endicott College (17-5). The top-seeded Gulls moved on to the final on Saturday with a 1-0 victory over fourth-seeded Saint Joseph's College of Maine.

The PSU-Westfield State game was moved back a day because of inclement weather and field conditions. The Owls, who [illegible] defeated Plymouth, 3-2, during the regular season, complete their season with a 12-8 overall record.

Plymouth State got on the board first when senior Ashley Gutowski (Conway, N.H.) was awarded a penalty stroke 10 minutes into the game, and she rifled a shot into the left-hand side of the net for a 1-0 lead. It was Gutowski's 15th goal of the season and third [illegible] on a penalty stroke.

Gutowski appeared to make it a 2-0 game 10 minutes later, but the goal was waved off because the ball deflected off Gutowski's body. PSU did manage to make it a 2-0 game with less than 10 minutes left in the first half when sophomore Courtney McLaughlin (Bellingham, Mass.) scored, with an assist from Gutowski.

Westfield, which had several scoring opportunities in the first half, finally broke through with 14 minutes left in the second half, cutting the Panther lead in half. Sophomore Alicia Gardner (Athol, Mass.) converted a ball from senior Vicky Winson (Upton, Mass.) from near the left post to pull the Owls to within a goal.

The Panthers pulled away in the final 10 minutes of the game. Lemmon set up junior Cortney Colligan (Brookfield, N.H.) for a shot and a goal from the top of the circle with 10 minutes remaining, and Lemmon made it 4-1 with a goal with 3:28 left.

After a timeout for an injured PSU player, sophomore Kristina Conroy (Wakefield, Mass.) rounded out the scoring for the Panthers with 1:45 on the clock.

Both goalies made some outstanding saves, as Westfield State freshman Amanda McCarthy (Franklin, Mass.) finished with 18 saves, including 13 in the second half, and PSU freshman keeper Elyse Sedgley (Hopkinton, N.H.) made eight saves.

Plymouth State evened the score with Westfield State, as the Owls had defeated the Panthers during the regular season, 3-2, at Westfield o Oct. 11.

The Panthers, who are playing in the ECAC Tournament for the 13th time since 1983, will be seeking their third championship on Tuesday at Endicott. The previous ECAC titles came in 1987 and 2004. Plymouth State opened this season with a 4-2 non-conference loss at Endicott back on Sept. 6.

1 PSU Ashley Gutowski penalty stroke 10:29
1 PSU Courtney McLaughlin Ashley Gutowski 25:21
2 WSC Alicia Gardner Vicky Winson 55:54
2 PSU Cortney Colligan Morgan Lemmon 59:39
2 PSU Morgan Lemmon unassisted 66:32
2 PSU Kristina Conroy Morgan Lemmon 68:15

Saves: WSC – Amanda McCarthy 18 (70:00); PSU – Elyse Sedgley 8 (70:00)
Shots: WSC – 12; PSU – 34; Penalty Corners: WSC – 6; PSU – 9

Westfield State vs Plymouth State (Nov 16, 2008)

- Box Score

Field Hockey Box Score

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                       Field Hockey Box Score (Final)
                  The Automated ScoreBook For Field Hockey
    Westfield State vs Plymouth State (Nov 16, 2008 at Plymouth, N.H.)


Westfield State (12-8) vs.                         Goals by period       1  2  Tot
Plymouth State (15-7)                              ------------------------------
Date: Nov 16, 2008  Attendance: 175                Westfield State.....  0  1 -  1
Weather:                                           Plymouth State......  2  3 -  5

Westfield State                                 Plymouth State
Pos ## Player                  Sh  G  A DS      Pos ## Player                  Sh  G  A DS
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GK  32 Amanda McCarthy.....    -  -  -  -       GK  88 Elyse Sedgley.......    -  -  -  -
     1 Alicia Gardner......    2  1  -  -            3 Brittany Treichel...    -  -  -  -
     2 Kate Moss...........    2  -  -  -            5 Ashley Gutowski.....   15  1  1  -
     3 Vicky Winson........    2  -  1  -            6 Cortney Colligan....    1  1  -  -
     4 Ali Rheaume.........    -  -  -  -            7 Lauren Bergeron.....    3  -  -  -
    10 Alyssa Wesoly.......    -  -  -  -            8 Kaleigh Chase.......    2  -  -  -
    16 Amanda Burns........    2  -  -  -           10 Morgan Lemmon.......    1  1  2  -
    19 Kara Guittarr.......    1  -  -  -           14 Kristina Conroy.....    5  1  -  -
    20 Kasey Bascetta......    -  -  -  -           15 Lindsey Hiltz.......    -  -  -  -
    22 Alex Brandt.........    -  -  -  -           20 Sarah Smith.........    2  -  -  -
    24 Nicole Gagnon.......    -  -  -  -           21 Melinda Rozumek.....    -  -  -  -
    ---------- Substitutes ----------               ---------- Substitutes ----------
     8 Catherine Moriarty..    -  -  -  -            1 Kerry D'Ambroise....    1  -  -  -
    13 Jessi Gould.........    3  -  -  -            9 Christina Parisi....    -  -  -  -
       Totals..............   12  1  1  0           17 Courtney McLaughlin.    3  1  -  -
                                                    18 Sammi Romano........    1  -  -  -
                                                       Totals..............   34  5  3  0

Westfield State                                 Plymouth State
## Player                  MIN  GA Saves        ## Player                  MIN  GA Saves
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32 Amanda McCarthy.....  70:00  5    18         88 Elyse Sedgley.......  70:00  1     8

Shots by period       1  2  Tot                 Saves by period       1  2  Tot
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Westfield State.....  4  8 - 12                 Westfield State.....  5 13 - 18
Plymouth State......  9 25 - 34                 Plymouth State......  3  5 -  8

Penalty corners       1  2  Tot
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Westfield State.....  3  3 -  6
Plymouth State......  2  7 -  9


SCORING SUMMARY:
GOAL  Time Team      Goal Scorer            Assists                              Description
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 2.   25:21 PSU      Courtney McLaughlin    Ashley Gutowski
 3.   55:54 WESFH    Alicia Gardner         Vicky Winson
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PLAYER CARDS:

Offsides: Westfield State 0, Plymouth State 0.
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WESTFIELD ATHLETICS

Owls Place Eight On Honor Roll

Little East Field Hockey All-Academic Team

Senior Heather Beninati was one of eight Westfield State field hockey players named to the Little East All-Academic team.

Twenty-seven MASCAC student-athletes were named to the 2008 Little East Conference Field Hockey All-Academic team for their performances in the classroom.

Westfield State College placed eight individuals on the Little East All-Academic squad, while Salem State College was next with six members. Bridgewater State College and Framingham State College followed with five and four members, respectively, while Worcester State College and Fitchburg State College were next with three and one team members, respectively.

The six MASCAC playing institutions all compete under the umbrella of the Little East Conference in the sport of field hockey.

The list of Westfield State student-athletes is as follows:

Heather Beninati, Senior, Social Work

Libby Bouley, Junior, Movement Science

Amanda Burns, Sophomore, Movement Science

Alicia Gardner, Sophomore, Business Management

Catherine Moriarty, Sophomore, Business

Taylor Murray, Junior, English/Secondary Education

Ali Rheaume, Senior, Movement Science

Alyssa Wesley, Junior, Movement Science

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Ralph receives prestigious award

Westfield State football coach Steve Marino and Brett Ralph display the DeOrmond Tuss McLaughry Award that Ralph received as the outstanding college football scholar-athlete in Western Massachusetts.

Photo courtesy westfieldowls.com

Westfield State senior Brett Ralph has been named the recipient of the DeOrmond Tuss McLaughry Award presented annually to the outstanding college football scholar-athlete in Western Massachusetts.

The award is given by the Western Massachusetts Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. Area colleges eligible for the prestigious award are AIC, Amherst, Springfield, Williams, UMass Amherst, Western New England, and Westfield State.

Ralph is the first Westfield State football player to receive the honor in the 28-year history of the Westfield State football program. He accepted the award at the National Football Foundation's scholar-athlete awards dinner on Sunday, April 8, at the UMass Amherst Campus Center.

"We are very proud of Brett," said Westfield State head football coach Steve Marino. "And he gave an excellent speech in front of 600 people (when he accepted the award)."

Ralph was a four-yea starter on the offensive line fo the Owls and currently has a 3.8 grade points average with a double major in finance and economics. He is a member of two hono societies and completed a corporate securities internship this pas summer at Babson Capita Management in Springfield.

The East Longmeadov resident also received valuabl work experience as a studen assistant to the facilities manage at the Westfield State field hous and as a head counselor at th Pine Knoll Activity Center i East Longmeadow.

A scholar-athlete in th truest sense, the Eas Longmeadow resident is ver involved in extracurricular activities at Westfield State, mostly i leadership roles. His activitie include: economics society president, student ambassador, colleg daily tour guide, student-athlet advisory board president, and Westfield State representative t the Massachusetts State Colleg Athletics Conference (MASCAC) Student-Athlete Advisor

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Westfield State shuts out MCLA

Courtesy of westfieldstateowls.com

NORTH ADAMS - Senior Chelsea Sylvia and freshman Madeline Tomich combined for 26 strikeouts to pitch Westfield State to 1-0 and 3-0 victories over MCLA in conference softball action on Tuesday afternoon.

The Owls remain in first place with a 7-1 conference record; they are 16-10 overall. MCLA drops to 7-13 and 2-4.

In the opener, Sylvia was dominating despite allowing five hits. She hurled a perfect game thru the first four innings and finished with 16 strikeouts, including two huge Ks with the bases loaded in the sixth.

Tomich fired a one-hitter with 10 strikeouts in the nightcap.

In the opener, Westfied scored the game's only run in the first inning when Jackie Mason led off with a single, stole second and advanced to third on an error. She scored on Kim Brennan's single to centerfield.

Westfield stranded 11 baserunners, while MCLA mounted its only scoring threat in the sixth on a one-out bloop single by the No. 9 batter and two consecutive bunt singles that loaded the bases. But Sylvia reared back to struck out MCLA's No. 3 and No. 4 hitters.

In the second game, Alicia Gardner drove in the game-winning run by ripping an RBI single in the third inning. The Owls tacked on two big insurance runs in the sixth. Freshman third baseman Kerin DeGirolamo cracked a two-out solo home run over the leftfield fence. Three batters later Brennan delivered an RBI single.

MCLA's only hit off Tomich came when Jennifer McMurray led off the fifth inning with a bloop single just by the outstretched glove of second baseman Kristyn Carroll.

2008-2009

Westfield St. women's lax wins in OT

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WESTFIELD ST.	**20**
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The teams traded goals in the first 18 minutes of the second period. The Falcons then scored two straight goals in the span of 24 seconds to take its 17-16 lead.

Also scoring five goals for the Falcons was Amanda Burns (Weymouth). Sophomore Kaitlyn Kelley (Pepperell) had three goals and two assists. Fitchburg goalie Jill Shaner (Arlington) made 12 saves.

For Westfield, Rogers and Ally Brown (Andover) both had two goals and an assist.

2008-2009

Westfield State College To Dedicate "Jerry Gravel Track" April 25

The "Jerry Gravel Track" will be dedicated Saturday, April 25, in conjunction with the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) and New England Alliance track and field championships which will be hosted by Westfield State.

The dedication program will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the main entrance to Alumni Field. Alumni, faculty, staff and friends of Westfield State College are encouraged to attend. If you have questions about the dedication ceremony please contact Dave Caspole, Senior Development Coordinator for Athletics at 413-572-8198, or at dcaspole@wsc.ma.edu.

The Westfield State College board of Trustees voted to name the college's track after longtime track and field coach and professor Jerry Gravel at the board's meeting earlier this year.

The trustees approved the motion presented by Dr. Carol Persson, vice-president of enrollment management, who served as a professor alongside Gravel in the department of movement science for many years. Persson spoke of her experience working with Gravel, and read excerpts from the many e-mails that had been sent by alumni and friends in support of the naming.

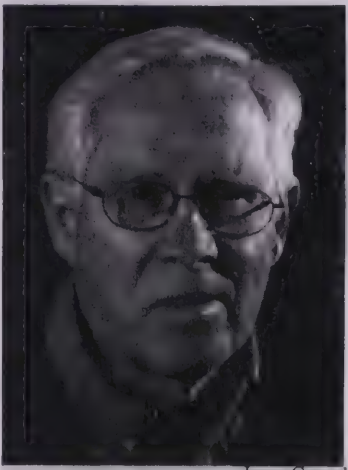
"I'm humbled by the experience," said Gravel by telephone from his home in Oceanside, Calif. "It's a great honor. It's great recognition for the dedication of our track and field athletes over the last 40 years – it's not just an honor for me – it's an honor to all of them as well."

Several alumni also attended the meeting, along with Gravel's brother, Jim, and son, Mark. Jim Gravel had initially approached Westfield State College President Dr. Evan Dobelle about the possibility of naming the track after his brother at a reception the college sponsored on Cape Cod last summer.

After the board approved the motion, the room burst into a round of applause.

"I felt proud for Jerry, the cross country and track and field programs, and the college," said Kevin Dalton '77, an attorney from Manchester, Mass., who attended the trustee meeting. "It couldn't happen to a better guy than Jerry Gravel. It reminded me how fortunate we were as students to attend Westfield State, and how the college and Jerry helped to shape our lives after graduation.

"We went in as boys, and graduated as men," said Dalton, who still holds the school record in the steeplechase.



Jerry Gravel

Gravel, who was inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004, served as track coach at Westfield State from 1969 until 1997. Gravel started the track and field program at Westfield State and built it into a regional power, winning two New England Championships, and 20 of 26 Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference titles.

Gravel coached 33 All-Americans and 142 athletes who qualified for the NCAA Championships in their events.

"Our student-athletes sacrificed a lot through the years to be successful," said Gravel. "We used to run in one of the steam tunnels to practice in the winter. We won our first title before we even had a track. In 1974, the college owned five hurdles and four sets of starting blocks and we were able to win. There were many unique contributions from all our athletes."

The track that will be named in Gravel's honor is a far cry from the humble beginnings of the program. The Alumni Field complex was renovated in 2006, and is one of the top facilities for collegiate track and field in New England. The eight-lane synthetic-surfaced facility was honored as one of the best in the nation by the American Sports Builders Association. It features four jumping pits, two shot put throwing areas, and two throwing areas for the discus and hammer throw.

A native of Attleboro, Mass., Jerry himself was a standout athlete, and competed as a member of the track team at UMass-Amherst, receiving his bachelor's degree in 1960. He earned a master's degree at Kent State University in 1961.

In addition to coaching, Gravel was an associate professor in the movement science department at Westfield State, teaching biomechanics, health related fitness, strength training and other classes.

"Jerry was like a father to many of us for four years," said Jim McGilloway '78, now Actuarial Services Manager for Safety Insurance. "He took us under his wing, and taught us a lot both inside and outside the classroom. Jerry has been a real good friend, and dedicated to Westfield State track all his life."

Since retiring from Westfield State, Gravel, 71, has resided in the San Diego area, and teaches at MiraCosta Community College. He has remained active with the Westfield State College community, serving as an advisor to the cross country and track and field programs, and has been a key organizer in implementing the Dan Doyle Scholarship and the James Earley Scholarship at Westfield State, and annually helps organize the Dan Doyle Golf Tournament and the James Earley Open Cross Country race to support those scholarships named for two of his former athletes.

"The last 17 years, we've been getting together for the Doyle tournament," said McGilloway. It's coach Gravel that draws us all together. We go back, and listen to his terrible jokes that we've heard before, but he still makes us laugh. He just has the ability to attract people, and together we've raised more than $100,000 to support the Doyle scholarship."

"It's wonderful that (Coach Gravel) has helped keep the spirit of my brother alive," said Kate (Doyle) Rowe '82. "When I went to college I tagged along with my brother and his friends and Jerry always has had a very deep relationship with the people he coached. He continues to live life as he professed."

Gravel has also supported the Owl Club at Westfield State with efforts to raise funds, most recently to purchase the Trackmaster equipment to help run meets at the college.

In honor of the track naming, a group of alumni and friends are leading a fundraising effort to support the Westfield State track and field program in Jerry Gravel's honor, with a goal of $100,000 to support the program and continue the tradition of excellence began by coach Gravel.

2008-2009

Westfield Splits With Salem

Mike Trachtenberg was 3 for 4 with three RBI in Westfield's 8-4 victory over Salem State.

SALEM - Salem State rallied from a one-run deficit to post a 6-5 walk-off win in the opener of its Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC) doubleheader against Westfield State College this afternoon at The Salem State College Baseball Diamond. The Owls came back to take the nightcap, 8-4.

The Owls are 17-13 overall and in fourth place in the MASCAC with a 5-7 record. They are at Mass. Maritime this Saturday for a key doubleheader that ends the conference regular season. The top four teams advance to the MASCAC post-season tournament.

SSC (14-17 overall; 4-8 MASCAC) began its come-from-behind victory in the last inning with senior Nick Dunn (Mashpee, MA) getting hit by a pitch. Freshman Chris Cocci (Wakefield, RI) sacrificed Dunn to second. Senior John McCue (Watham, MA) then singled home Dunn to tie the game at 5-5. With one out, senior Ken Luongo (Wilmington, MA) walked. Junior Joe Galindo (Monument, CO) followed with a single to left. McCue was able to score the deciding run when the left fielder misplayed the ball.

Sophomore Jeff Borges (Westport, MA) went the distance on the hill for the Vikings, limiting the Owls to six hits, allowing just one earned run, striking out five and issuing five walks. Galindo was the only Vikings to collect multiple hits (2). Cocci scored twice and Luongo picked up an RBI after being hit with the bases loaded an a three-run second inning.

The Owls received their hits from six different players, with Kevin Lyons collecting a pair of RBI.

Westfield, which exploded for 10 hits off of four different pitchers in game two, was led to its 8-4 victory by Mike Trachtenberg, who went 3-for-4, scored a run and knocked in three. Matt Kelly and Pete Hogan each went 2-for-4 and collected an RBI for the Owls. Alex Xiarhos scored three times for the winners.

The Vikings managed just a combined four hits off starter Jesse Vermeersch and reliever Dave Glass. Salem's big hit came off the bat of Luongo who blasted his sixth round-tripper of the season, a three-run blast in the sixth to shave the WSC lead to 7-4. The Vikings also received singles from McCue, sophomore Troy Ingime (Malden, MA) and senior Ben Garlington (Rochester, MA)

2008-2009

Owls Place 4th At Springfield Invite

SPRINGFIELD - The Westfield State College women's outdoor track and field team finished fourth in the 12-team Springfield College Invitational on Saturday, April 18.

Placing first for the Owls were Jill Monahan in the discus and Caitlin Handcock in the high jump. Handock's winning jump of 5-5 qualifies her provisionally for the NCAA national championships.

Kerry Arouca was third in the 1500 meter run with an outstanding time of 4:47.69; her best time entering the meet was 5:04.21.

Karen Dowe performed well in the highly competitive meet with fourth-place finishes in the long jump and triple jump; she surpassed 16 and 36 feet, respectively, in the events. Jenn Simao was third in the javelin throw and Amanda Gricus was fourth in the hammer throw.

TEAM STANDINGS: MIT 178.50, Springfield 163, Wheaton 117, Westfield State 75, New Haven 71, Eastern Connecticut 35.50, Babson 31, Keene State 28, College of St. Rose 28, Colby-Sawyer 8, Fairfield 7, and Wellesley 5.

Caitlin Handcock was named the MASCAC field athlete of the week. Go to www.mascac.com

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Westfield State College 2008-2009 Men's Basketball Roster

NO.	NAME	CL	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)
3	Chris Kinback ***	SR	G	5-9	160	Shrewsbury
10	Kyle Sawyer	FR	G	6-0	158	Philadelphia, PA (Franklin Learning Center)
12	Chazz Cozart *	SO	G	6-0	175	Bronx, NY (All Hallows)
13	Steinnhard Renaud *	SO	F	6-4	240	Worcester (St. Mary's)
14	Derek Leab **	JR	G	5-11	155	Shrewsbury
15	Brett Peterson	FR	G	6-1	185	Bedford (Landmark School)
20	Kevin Knowles **	JR	G	6-0	190	Freetown (Apponequet)
21	Brandon Mauer *	JR	G	6-2	222	Pittsfield (St. Joseph Central)
23	Dave Jaehnig ***	SR	G	6-4	200	Quincy (Boston College High)
24	Asa Abbott **	JR	F	6-4	210	New Paltz, NY
30	Ryan DeLosa	FR	F	6-5	210	Leeds, NY (Cairo-Durham)
31	Johnny Dunbar *	SR	F	6-3	190	Roxbury (Madison Park)
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	Conference					Overall						
	GP	Record	Win %	PF	PA	GP	Record	Win %	PF	PA	Last 10	Streak
Salem St.	4	4-0	1.000	334	247	16	14-2	0.875	1255	1077	9-1	Won 8
Bridgewater St.	4	3-1	0.750	305	282	15	10-5	0.667	1185	1136	6-4	Won 4
Westfield St.	4	3-1	0.750	264	250	16	10-6	0.625	1107	1075	5-5	Won 1
Worcester St.	5	3-2	0.600	375	368	17	9-8	0.529	1231	1265	6-4	Lost 1
Framingham St.	5	2-3	0.400	391	412	18	10-8	0.556	1379	1297	6-4	Won 1
Fitchburg St.	4	0-4	0.000	282	311	14	5-9	0.357	980	1033	2-8	Lost 4
MCLA	4	0-4	0.000	273	354	16	1-15	0.062	1035	1319	1-9	Lost 8

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MASCAC Men's Basketball Player of the Week

Roland Millien, Bridgewater State (Sr., C, Stoughton, Mass.) -- Averaged 18 points, 10 rebounds and two steals in 3-0 week for Bears, including double-double efforts of 31 points and 13 boards in 89-79 victory at Framingham State as well as 14 points and 14 caroms in 80-71 triumph over Fitchburg State. Shot 88 percent (22-25) from charity stripe for week.

MASCAC Men's Basketball Weekly Honor Roll

Brian Torres, Fitchburg State (Sr., F, North Dighton, Mass.) -- Netted 22 points and grabbed three rebounds for Falcons in 80-71 setback at Bridgewater State.

Josue Almodovar, Framingham State (Jr., F, Holyoke, Mass.) -- Averaged 27.5 points and nine rebounds in 0-2 week for Rams. Netted 31 points, including 1,000th of his career, in 72-69 setback at Worcester State and shot 66 percent (23-35) from field for week, including 50 percent from three-point range.

Dylan Holmes, Salem State (Sr., C, Groton, Mass.) -- Averaged 17.5 points and 11 rebounds in 2-0 week for Vikings, including 23 points and 10 boards in 69-47 triumph over Westfield State to go with 12 points, 12 caroms and pair of blocks in 105-66 victory at MCLA.

Dave Jaehnig, Westfield State (Sr., G, Quincy, Mass.) -- Averaged 16.5 points and 8.5 rebounds in 1-1 week for Owls, including 17 points and nine boards in 69-47 setback at Salem State.

Maurice Horton, Worcester State (Jr., F, Detroit, Mich.) -- Averaged 23.5 points and 10.5 rebounds in 1-1 week for Lancers, including double-double efforts of 28 points and 11 boards in 73-69 win over Framingham State and 10 points, 10 caroms and four assists in 74-65 setback at Westfield State. Shot 53 percent from field for week.

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Western New England
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Springfield College

Pride

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School
12	Danny White	Sr.	G	5-10	160	Melrose, NY/Hoosic Valley
14	Conner Flynn	Fr.	G	5-8	145	Marlborough, MA/Marlborough
15	Jon Gattuso	Jr.	G	6-1	185	Pittsfield, MA/Lenox
21	Matthew Cavalieri	So.	F	6-6	210	West Warwick, RI/West Warwick
22	Ryan Sawyer	Fr.	G	5-9	150	Croton, NY/Croton-Harmon
24	Anthony Epps	Fr.	F	6-4	185	Norwalk, CT/Brien McMahon
25	Patrick Fleming	Fr.	G/F	6-0	195	Rookville Centre, NY/Holy Trinity
30	Ryan Blackmon	Jr.	G/F	6-3	170	Stamford, CT/Holy Trinity
32	Antoine Hicks	Fr.	G	6-1	165	Houston, TX/Stratford
33	John Strawson	Sr.	F/C	6-7	230	Torrington, CT/Torrington
34	Gary Broadhurst Jr	Sr.	F	6-4	215	Sauguoit, NY/Mohawk Valley CC
41	Pat Crean	Jr.	F	6-4	200	Sleepy Hollow, NY/Sleepy Hollow
42	Ryan Coburn	Fr.	F/C	6-7	200	West Warwick, RI/West Warwick
44	Darryl Smith	So.	F	6-8	230	Patchogue, NY/Megann-Mercy
50	Evan Christner	Fr.	F	6-4	235	Voorheesville, NY/C.A. Bouton

Head Coach: Charlie Brock, 11th year
Assistant Coaches: Pete Broaca, Jason Brown, Justin Franczek, Tyler Schmelz
Director of Basketball Operations: Dave DeStefano
Basketball Operations Assistant: Jeff Bennett
Captains: John Strawson '09, Danny White '09

Western New England

Golden Bears

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School
3	Paul Kennedy	Jr.	G/F	6-1	165	Longmeadow/Longmeadow
4	Kyle Dignum	Jr.	G	6-2	190	Albany, NY/LaSalle Institute
11	Marcus Allen	So.	G	5-10	160	Springfield/Sci-Tech
12	Mike Booker	Jr.	F	6-3	189	Springfield/Central
15	Dustin Wingler	So.	G/F	6-3	190	Greenfield/Frontier Regional
22	Andre Duncan	So.	G	6-2	173	Bronx, NY/Monsignor Scanlon
23	Kyle Fredette	Sr.	F	6-6	200	Wallingford, VT/Mill River Union
24	Matt Maynard	Sr.	G	6-1	175	Patterson, NJ/Bayley Ellard
31	Mark Skogg	Fr.	G	6-1	175	Orange, CT/Amity Regional
33	Brad Thomka	So.	F	6-4	190	Springfield/Cathedral
34	Brendan Murphy	Jr.	G/F	6-3	200	West Springfield/West Springfield
35	Michael Kennedy	So.	F/C	6-5	215	Newtown, CT/Newtown
44	Rick Johnson	Jr.	G	6-0	215	Springfield/Central
45	Conor Lomas	So.	C	6-8	222	Wilbraham/Minnechaug
50	Pat Cuff	Fr.	F	6-5	200	Medway/Medway

Head Coach: Chris Agoglia, 1st year
Assistant Coaches: Craig Archambault, Ray Boucher, Peter Stathakis
Captains: Kyle Fredette, Matt Maynard
Managers: Rachel Cervone, Brenden Hagner, Jeff Varghese

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Owls

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School
3	Chris Kinback	Sr.	G	5-9	160	Shrewsbury/Shrewsbury
4	Mark Edmonds	Sr.	G	5-10	170	Albany, NY/Albany
10	Kyle Sawyer	Fr.	G	6-0	158	Philadelphia, PA (Franklin Center)
12	Chazz Cozart	So.	G	6-0	175	Bronx, NY/All Hallows
13	Steinnhard Renaud	So.	F	6-4	240	Worcester/St. Mary's
14	Derek Leab	Jr.	G	5-11	155	Shrewsbury/Shrewsbury
15	Brett Peterson	Fr.	G	6-1	185	Bedford /Landmark School
20	Kevin Knowles	Jr.	G	6-0	190	Freetown./Apponequet
21	Brandon Mauer	Jr.	G	6-2	222	Pittsfield/St. Joseph Central
23	Dave Jaehnig	Sr.	G	6-4	200	Quincy/Boston College High
24	Asa Abbott	Jr.	F	6-4	210	New Paltz, NY/New Paltz
30	Ryan DeLosa	Fr.	F	6-5	210	Leeds, NY/Cairo-Durham
31	Johnny Dunbar	Sr.	F	6-3	190	Roxbury/Madison Park
32	Chris Jurkowski	So.	F	6-4	210	Belchertown/Belchertown
34	Joe Dicruttalo	Jr.	F	6-4	215	Franklin/Franklin
42	Matt Badjo	Sr.	F	6-5	270	Worcester (St. John's)
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Manager: Sarah Farrell

Amherst College

Lord Jeffs

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Prev. School
1	David Zaitz	Fy.	F	6-5	195	Scarsdale, NY/Scarsdale
3	Taylor Barrise	Fy.	G	6-5	200	Allendale, NJ/Northern Highlands
4	Ben Kaplan	Sr.	G/F	6-0	180	Glencoe, IL/New Trier
5	Glenn Wong	Sr.	G	6-3	215	Leverett, MA/Deerfield
11	Marcus Bradley	Sr.	G	6-0	180	Latham, NY/Shaker
15	Connor Johnson	Fy.	G	6-6	200	San Diego, CA/Torrey Pines
20	Conor Meehan	So.	G	6-3	200	Meriden, CT/Choate Rosemary Hall
21	David Waller	Fy.	G/F	6-6	210	Tampa, FL/Tampa Prep
22	DJ Carcieri	Jr.	G	6-0	195	Narragansett, RI/Philips Exeter
23	Steven Wheeler	Jr.	G/F	6-5	205	Bloomington, MN/Thomas Jefferson
24	Brian Baskauskas	Sr.	G/F	6-6	225	Palo Alto, CA/Palo Alto
30	Jeff Holmes	Fy.	F	6-7	225	Pawtucket, RI/St. Raphael Academy
33	Kurt Bennett	So.	C	6-7	210	Placerville, CA/Union Mine
40	Mike Holsey	Sr.	F	6-5	215	Potomac, MD/Landon
41	Reggie Fugett	So.	F	6-6	235	Baltimore, MD/Gilman School
52	Tim Prowitt	Fy.	F	6-6	215	Arlington, VA/The Potomac School

Head Coach: David Hixon '75
Assistants: Ron Buelow, Mike Rejniak, Koby Altman
Co-Captains: Brian Baskauskas '09, Mike HOlsey '09

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Westfield State College Women's Basketball Roster

NO	NAME	CL	POS	HT	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)
10	Lauren Sylvain ***	SR	Guard	5-10	Hadley (Hopkins Academy)
12	Andrea Wasuk ***	SR	Forward	5-9	Lenox
21	Krista Corriveau **	JR	Guard	5-4	Plainville, CT
22	Janae Jones	FR	Guard	5-0	Springfield (Minnechaug Regional)
23	Katie Sylvain **	SR	Guard	5-6	Hadley (Hopkins Academy)
24	Renee LeBlanc	FR	Guard	5-10	Waltham
30	Christal Bello *	SO	Forward	5-9	West Boylston
32	Sarah Boudreau **	JR	Guard	5-6	Tewksbury
35	Molly Brogan **	JR	Forward	5-9	Mendon (Nipmuc Regional)
40	Alicia Zelanakas	FR	Center	5-11	Northford, CT (North Branford)
44	Cassy Jouannet *	SO	Center	6-1	Conway (Frontier Regional)
55	Erica Hunter	SO	Center	6-2	Hadley (Hopkins Academy)

*** - Number of years played at Westfield State**
Head Coach: Andrea Bertini, 4th year
Assistant Coaches: Ojae Beale, 1st year; Bill Couture, 1st year; Jack Zabek, 1st year
Captains: Sarah Boudreau, Katie Sylvain, Andrea Wasuk
Manager : Lindsey Vadnais

Andrea Wasuk, Westfield State (Sr., F, Lenox, Mass.) -- Averaged 18 points and six rebounds in 2-0 week for Owls, including 25 points in 68-60 victory at Salem State, the first series win over Vikings in 13 years. Shot 54 percent (14-26) from field for week

MASCAC Women's Basketball Player of the Week

Andrea Wasuk, Westfield State (Sr., F, Lenox, Mass.) -- Averaged 16.5 points and 8.5 rebounds in 1-1 week for Owls, including double-double effort of 23 points and 10 caroms in 80-74 victory at Bridgewater State. Shot 53 percent (10-19) from field and 81 percent (13-16) from foul line for week.

The Jerry Gravel track dedicated to head coach

Jerry Gravel, left, and his wife, Joan, stand next to the plaque erected in his honor. Also pictured is Westfield State College president Evan S. Dobelle. Photo courtesy of http://www.westfieldstateowls.com/

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Westfield State College celebrated the naming of the "Jerry Gravel Track" on Saturday, April 25, as the track dedication in the name of the college's longtime head coach preceded the current team's victories in the MASCAC Championship meet.

More than 150 alumni, family and friends joined in for the track dedication, as coach Gravel, his wife Joan, and a number of family members were welcomed back by master of cere monies Dick Lenfest, Westfield State's director of athletics.

College president Evan Dobelle provided a welcome from the college, before turning the microphone over to Dr. Carol Persson, Westfield State's vice president of enrollment manage ment and a longtime colleague of Gravel's in the movement science department.

"Jerry Gravel … coach, teacher, mentor, role model, colleague, friend, husband, father, grandfather, brother … today we honor the man who has touched our lives in one or more of these roles," said Persson.

She noted that the naming of the track was particularly appropriate, as many of the alumni in attendance had trained in the parking lots or steam tunnels on campus. When coach Gravel arrived at Westfield State in 1969, the campus did not have a track.

Quoting Calvin Coolidge, Persson added, "'No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.' Jerry, you have given - and continue to give - much … to your athletes, your fellow coaches, your students and colleagues, your friends and family, and to Westfield State College."

Alumnus Kevin Dalton '77, speaking on behalf of all the alumni in attendance, noted the strong impact Gravel had on his students and athletes. "Coach, you have done what you taught us to do, you have succeeded in life. This is your gold medal.
Thank you."

Known for the work ethic which he instilled in his athletes, as well as his sense of humor, Gravel addressed the crowd after unveiling the granite-and-bronze monument which will permanently stand in the entryway to the track.

"I was recruited to come coach at Westfield State," said Gravel. "They promised me a rose garden. When I came out here into the woods," motioning to where the track now stands, Gravel said "That's exactly what I found, because we didn't even have a track."

While the college constructed the outdoor track early in Gravel's 30-year tenure at Westfield State, the facility was renovated two years ago and now serves as a state of the art complex in New England with its eight-lane running track, along with four jumping pits and runways, and an adjacent throwing area for the javelin, shot, hammer and discus. Also, the indoor field house has a 160-meter four lane training track and field event areas.

Gravel noted that his sister was unable to attend due to poor health, and took a moment to think of one of his athletes, Sgt. Dan Buckley '77, who is currently serving in Iraq.

Gravel joked that his father had told him that he wasn't too good with his hands, so he'd better make a living with his mind, and that he spent too much time on sports, so he combined them to make his career as a professor and coach.

"I saw myself as a scientist," said Gravel. "What we did in the field was relevant to what we did in the classroom. I saw myself as a professor."

He thanked many family members as well. "My brother Jim, who was the first to think this day was possible", suggesting the naming to President Dobelle. "My family made the sacrifices. Thanks to Mark and Heather (Jerry's son and daughter) I was able to reap the benefits of coaching, and to my wife Joan who raised the kids, and welcomed members of the team into our house.

Tongue in cheek, Jerry also noted that "thanks to Joan never had to sign a paycheck fo the first 15 years of my career and she provided constant advice on improving my social skills."

Gravel also leaves behind a legacy of service to the college, as he was a driving force in helping to establish the Dan Doyle Memorial Scholarship, and the James Earley Memoria Scholarship to honor two of his former athletes and provide financial support to current students at the college. The Doyle Scholarship fund has reached more than $100,000 in endowed funds and has provided a pair of scholarships annually.

"I have done little more than provide inspiration," said Gravel "The Doyle and Earley scholarships will be there forever. This was not one person's endeavor."

Gravel ended his remarks, noting that the naming is the culmination of "the hard work and dedication of many people, from his athletes, to assistant coaches and administration."

"The true tribute, to me, is the many friends and family that showed up here today to celebrate with me."

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WSC women win track title

2009 New England Alliance outdoor track and field champions.

Photo courtesy of westfieldstateowls.com

WESTFIELD, Mass. – The Westfield State College women's track and field team captured the New England Alliance outdoor championship on Saturday, April 25, at the newly dedicated Jerry Gravel Track.

Westfield won its second ever Alliance crown by edging perennial power Southern Maine, 162.5 to 136. Southern Maine had won the past nine Alliance crowns. The Owls won their first title in 1999.

Westfield placed first in three events. Junior Kerry Arouca shattered the meet record in the steeplechase with a time of 11:02.16. Senior Marianne Mealey won the 5,000 meter run (19:00.90) and senior standout Marlee Berg won the 100 hurdles in 15.81.

Berg also placed second in the long jump (16-7 1/4) and high jump, tying her personal best (5-7).

Arouca was second in the 1500 meter run (4:51.26) .

Also finishing second were Rachel Ryan in the shot put (37-1 3/4) and Amanda Gricus in the hammer throw (143-4).

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Jerry Gravel Track Dedication
11:00am

Welcome
Richard Lenfest, Master of Ceremony
Athletics Director, Westfield State College

Remarks
Dr. Evan S. Dobelle
President, Westfield State College

Remarks
Dr. Carol V. Persson
Vice President of Enrollment Management, Westfield State College

Remarks
Kevin Dalton '77
on behalf of the Alumni

Dedication and Unveiling

Remarks
Jerry Gravel
Retired Track Coach and Faculty Member

Luncheon to follow

COMMEMORATIVE TICKET

Westfield State College

JERRY GRAVEL TRACK DEDICATION

April 25, 2009

The Jerry Gravel Track is named in honor of the Westfield State College track and field coach and professor who dedicated 30 years (1969-1999) to his athletes and students.

Coach Gravel started the track and field program and built it into a conference and regional power. His teams won 20 MASCAC titles and finished in the top 10 team scoring in 20 New England Division III championship meets.

Coach Gravel's squads were particularly strong in the 1980s. Westfield State won New England Division 3 outdoor championships in 1980 and 1985, placed second in 1981 and 1988 and third in 1982 and 1989, and finished fourth in 1986. Thirteen of his teams placed in the top 10 at the New England Division III outdoor championships, including nine years in the 1980s, and seven teams finished in the top 10 at the New England indoor championships.

The Owls were even more dominating on the conference level. After outdoor track and field became a Mass. State Conference sport in 1972, Coach Gravel's teams won or shared 20 of 26 championships, including 13 consecutive titles from 1983 to 1995.

Westfield's track and field teams also achieved many individual successes. Coach Gravel guided 33 All Americans and 139 national qualifiers in NCAA Division 3 championship meets.

He also began the Westfield State men's cross country program in 1969 and built it into a conference perennial power, serving as the head coach for a total of 15 years.

Always showing concern for his students both on and off the playing field, Coach Gravel constantly stressed the importance of individual accomplishments.

"Once you've maximized individual potential you have a winning team," said Gravel. "Individual potential counts, along with having fun."

This simple philosophy has gained him a large and loyal alumni following, many of whom still keep in close contact with their college coach.

"I had a lot of good experiences at Westfield State," said Gravel. "I've had a lot of good kids who were successful students and who are now successful in their professions."

Gravel was also a highly respected faculty member in the movement science department during his long tenure at Westfield State. Upon his retirement, he was honored with faculty emeritus status as an associate professor of movement science.

Gravel now resides in Oceanside, Calif., near San Diego, with his wife Joan. He teaches part-time at a local community college and enjoys the outdoors. He and his wife also enjoy spending time with their two children and three grandchildren.

New England Division III Outdoor Championships

First Place
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Second Place
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Third Place
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1989

Fourth Place
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Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) Outdoor Track and Field Championships Teams

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All-Americans Coached by Jerry Gravel

Name	Event	Year
Matt Collins	400 Hurdles	1999
Tom Mahar	800	1992
Thad Lopes	400 Hurdles	1990
Miles Woodhouse	Triple Jump	1990
Miles Woodhouse*	Triple Jump	1990
Lance Campbell	800	1990
Miles Woodhouse	Triple Jump	1989
Thad Lopes	400 Hurdles	1989
Miles Woodhouse*	Triple Jump	1989
Steve Gaebel*	5000	1989
Victor Gilmer	55 Hurdles	1988
Lance Campbell*	800	1988
Miles Woodhouse*	1600 Relay	1988
John Desforge*	1600 Relay	1988
Peter Mole*	1600 Relay	1988
Paul Murphy*	1600 Relay	1988
Andy Fronczak	Hammer Throw	1987
John Otrando	Hammer Throw	1987
Victor Gilmer	100 Hurdles	1986
Jeff Starr	1600 Relay	1985
Carl Dagenais	1600 Relay	1985
Dave Sinnery	1600 Relay	1985
Bob Lockett	1600 Relay	1985
Dave Kaczenski	Javelin	1983
Bob D'Agnese	1600 Relay	1982
Noel Pizzarro	1600 Relay	1982
David Wayne	1600 Relay	1982
Rich Desforge	1600 Relay	1982
Mike Coyne	Long Jump	1982
Russ Winchester	200	1981
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Vin Aurilio	Hammer Throw	1979
Kevin Crowley	Cross Country	1978

Jerry Gravel coached 33 All Americans and 140 national qualifiers

* Indoors

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(top) Coach Gravel, right, competing for Attleboro High School in 1956 championship meet.

(left) Coach Gravel presents Russ Winchester with his Hall of Fame plaque during 1994 inductions.

1974 WSC team — the first conference track and field championship team.

Coach Grave with Matt Collins, the final All-American that he coached.

Coach Rausch

Coach Gravel and cross country coach Bob Rausch visit with Eugenie Formel, the mother of James Earley.

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Alumni in attendance during inaugural Jerry Gravel Classic track meet in 2008.

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April 27, 2009

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Farr
61 Carroll Drive
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Dear Bob and Linda:

Thank you for joining us at the Jerry Gravel Track dedication this past Saturday. It was a wonderful tribute to Coach Gravel and the sentiment displayed for him by the many people in attendance makes us all very proud to be a part of Westfield.

As we honor Jerry, we acknowledge the successful careers of so many Westfield alumni, who are making significant contributions to their communities throughout the country.

We have much to celebrate at Westfield State College and we hope that you will continue to stay connected to this great school. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any of our staff, if there is anything that we can do to help keep your connection to us strong.

I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely,

Evan S. Dobelle
President

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Owl pitchers dazzle in doubleheader

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Duo gives up 1 hit in two games

SALEM - The Westfield State College softball team received stellar pitching performances from senior Chelsea Sylvia and freshman Madeline Tomich to sweep Salem State, 8-0 and 1-0, on Monday.

Sylvia fired a seven-inning no-hitter with 15 strikeouts in the Owls' 8-0 opening-game victory. Sylvia nearly pitched a perfect game as she walked the leadoff batter to start the game then retired 21 straight.

Tomich threw a one-hitter with nine Ks in the nightcap. Westfield scored in the second inning on a sacrifice fly by Danielle Lutenegger.

With the twinbill sweep Westfield (20-12 overall) clinches at least a share of the Mass. State Conference championship with a 10-2 record. Bridgewater State owns an 8-2 record with two MASCAC games remaining, a home doubleheader vs. Worcester State on Saturday.

Bridgewater won two games at MCLA today by iscores of 10-1 and 10-0. The Bears were trailing 1-0 in the sixth inning of the opener.

This marks Westfield's first conference crown since 1985 and fourth overall. The Owls also won or shared conference titles in 1979 and 1982.

Sylvia produced a masterpiece, striking out 15 and walking just one batter en route to spinning the no-hitter. The only Salem batter to reach base was sophomore lead-off hitter Taylor Orlando (Danvers), who worked Sylvia for a walk to begin the bottom of the first. From that point on Sylvia was magnificent. She struck out the side in the second, third and fifth innings, and also recorded a pair of punch outs in the sixth and seventh frames. Sylvia registered at least one K in each inning.

Offensively in game one, the Owls banged out nine hits as sophomore Krystal Carroll (Brockton) led the way with two doubles, three RBI and a run scored. Owl lead-off hitter senior Jackie Mason (Florida, Mass.) had a pair of singles, an RBI and scored once. Junior Kim Brennan (Douglas) stroked a third inning two-run single for the winners. SSC freshman Katelynn Fanning (East Boston) picked up the loss, going seven innings, giving up nine hits, allowing eight runs (five earned), walking three and fanning four.

Game two featured an old fashioned pitchers's duel between SSC senior Katelyn Doherty (Lynnfield) and WSC's Tomich. The game's lone run came in the top of the second when Carroll led off with a walk, advanced to second on a passed ball, contiuned to third on an infield groundout and scored on a sacrifice fly to left by junior Danielle Lutenegger (Sunderland).

The Owls appeared to be on their way to no-hitting the Lady Vikings for the day, but SSC freshman Michelle Grifoni (Peabody) would erase that possibility with two-outs in the sixth when she lined a hard base hit into left. Tomich would go on to post the one-hitter which included nine strikeouts and three walks. Doherty was solid in defeat, allowing four singles, striking out a pair and walking three.

Baseball team earns split: At Salem, Salem State rallied from a one-run deficit to post a 6-5 walk-off win in the opener of its Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC) doubleheader against Westfield State College Monday afternoon at The Salem State College Baseball Diamond. The Owls came back to take the nightcap, 8-4.

The Owls are 17-13 overall and in fourth place in the MASCAC with a 5-7 record. They are at Mass. Maritime this Saturday for a key doubleheader that ends the conference regular season. The top four teams advance to the MASCAC postseason tournament.

SSC (14-17 overall; 4-8 MASCAC) began its come-from-behind victory in the last inning with senior Nick Dunn (Mashpee) getting hit by a pitch. Freshman Chris Cocci (Wakefield, R.I.) sacrificed Dunn to second. Senior John McCue (Watham) then singled home Dunn to tie the game at 5-5. With one out, senior Ken Luongo (Wilmington) walked. Junior Joe Galindo (Monument, CO) followed with a single to left. McCue was able to score the deciding run when the left fielder misplayed the ball.

Sophomore Jeff Borges (Westport) went the distance on the hill for the Vikings, limiting the Owls to six hits, allowing just one earned run, striking out five and issuing five walks. Galindo was the only Vikings to collect multiple hits (2). Cocci scored twice and Luongo picked up an RBI after being hit with the bases loaded an a three-run second inning.

The Owls received their hits from six different players, with Kevin Lyons collecting a pair of RBI.

Westfield, which exploded for 10 hits off of four different pitchers in game two, was led to its 8-4 victory by Mike Trachtenberg, who went 3-for-4, scored a run and knocked in three. Matt Kelly and Pete Hogan each went 2-for-4 and collected an RBI for the Owls. Alex Xiarhos scored three times for the winners.

The Vikings managed just a combined four hits off starter Jesse Vermeersch and reliever Dave Glass. Salem's big hit came off the bat of Luongo who blasted his sixth round-tripper of the season, a three-run blast in the sixth to shave the WSC lead to 7-4. The Vikings also received singles from McCue, sophomore Troy Ingime (Malden) and senior Ben Garlington (Rochester, Mass.)

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Westfield St. gets sweep of Framingham

WESTFIELD – Junior first baseman Ben Campbell (Easthampton) was 5 for 8 with two doubles, a triple and eight RBI to power Westfield State to a double header sweep of Framingham State, 12-4, 16-2, on Saturday, April 18.

Westfield State improved its record to 16-12 overall and 4-6 in MASCAC play, while Framingham State dropped to 7-19 overall and 3-7 in the conference.

Ben Wagner (5 for 7, 5 RBI, 5 runs scored) and Brad King (5 for 9, two doubles, triple, 5 RBI) also had huge days at the plate for the Owls.

Westfield was in control early as it led 9-1 after three innings the opener and 9-2 at the end of three in the nightcap. In game one, pitcher Andrew Poliferno paced the Owls with six solid innings, giving up three earned runs on eight hits. Game two starter Jeff Fields scattered six hits over four innings to get the win.

Game one did feature a bright spot for Framingham State as center fielder Jason Hutchinson hit a home run to deep center field. Alex Xiarhos went deep in the game two victory for the Owls.

Framingham State right fielder Steve Tramontozzi went a combined 4 for 7 while teammate Ryan McCarthy rapped 3 hits and knocked in 3 in the two setbacks.

Westfield State pounded out 29 hits while the Rams countered with 15 hits but only six combined runs off Westfield State pitching.

Softball splits: At Westfield, Westfield State and Framingham State split a doubleheader in key Mass. State Conference action on Saturday, April 20.

The Owls rallied to win the opener, scoring two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning for a 4-3 victory. Westfield's comeback fell short in the second game as Framingham pulled out an 8-6 extra-inning victory on Katie Donovan's two-run homer in the ninth.

Westfield is 18-12 overall and 8-2 in the conference. Framingham is 5-3 in the conference and 8-24 overall.

Trailing 2-0 in the opener, Framingham scored two unearned runs in the sixth and another unearned run in the seventh to take a 3-2 lead.

In the home half of the seventh, Katie Gorman reached on a fielding error and Alicia Gardner

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Owls blast Nichols

WESTFIELD – Senior Lindsay Jardin (Assonet) was 3-for-3 with two RBIs and junior Danielle Lutenegger (Sunderland) smacked a three-run double to lead Westfield State to a 10-0, five-inning victory over Nichols College in non-conference softball action on Wednesday.

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The second game of the scheduled doubleheader was cancelled because of rain and muddy field conditions. Westfield, 21-12, is idle until Thursday, April 30, when it hosts an opening round game in the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament. Nichols drops to 13-22.

Westfield scored seven runs in the first inning on six hits and two Bison errors. Jardin had two hits in the inning, including a two-run single. Lutenegger delivered the big blow with her two-out three-run double.

The Owls out-hit the Bison, 10-3. Sophomore second baseman Kristyn Carroll (Brockton) was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI. Junior catcher Gia Calabrese (West Springfield) was 1-for-3 with two RBIs. Also pounding doubles were senior center fielder Jackie Mason (Florida, Mass.) and sophomore designated player Alicia Gardner (Athol).

Designated hitter Lindsay Hassett (Oxford) was 2-for-2 for the Bison.

Winning pitcher Cheslea Sylvia (South Dartmouth) struck out 10 and walked one in the five-inning game.

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Owls claim MASCAC track titles

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State men's outdoor track and field team turned in a another dominating performance in capturing the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) championship on Saturday, April 25, at the newly dedicated Jerry Gravel Track.

It was the 13th straight MASCAC crown for the Owls and the 26th in the past 27 years.

Westfield won 12 events and had four double winners. Marc Gomes sprinted to victories in the 100 meter dash (10.97) and the 200 meter dash (21.77). The junior flash qualified provisionally for the NCAA national championships in the 200.

Gomes also was anchored the Owls' winning 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 relay teams which cranked out excellent times of 42.19 and 3:20.49 that were just shy of the MASCAC records.

Michael Chapin, a double winner who defended its MASCAC crowns in the 110 high and 400 intermediate hurdles, also wa a member of both relay squads. Completin the 4 x 100 quartet were Jim Flynn and Tod Kittelson, while Dan Stahelski and Rolan Paquette were members of the 4 x 40 squad.

Junior Brandon Palmer also had an ou standing MASCAC meet. Palmer won th long jump (21-9 1/2) and high jump (6 1/4) and placed second in the triple jun (42-10 3/4).

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Westfield St. baseball notches weekend sweep

BUZZARDS BAY - Junior Ben Campbell (Easthampton, Mass.) rapped out three hits and drove in three runs as Westfield State claimed the final Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference baseball playoff berth by sweeping a league doubleheader from Massachusetts Maritime Saturday afternoon by scores of 4-2 in the opener and 6-1 in the nightcap in games played at Commodore Hendy Field.

Westfield State (20-13, 7-7 MASCAC) will wrap-up regular season play with a non-league contest with Wesleyan on Tuesday afternoon in Middletown, Conn. that begins at 4:00 p.m. The Owls earned the fourth seed in next week's MASCAC Championships and will take on top-seeded Worcester State in opening round play next Thursday afternoon.

Campbell gave the visiting Owls a 2-0 fourth inning lead in the opener with a two-run homer (his third of the spring), but the host Buccaneers (10-16, 4-10 MASCAC) evened matters in the bottom of the frame on senior Mark Mozelak's (New Hartford, Conn.) two-run round-tripper, his first of the season.

Junior Mike Trachtenberg's (Newton, Mass.) RBI single in the fifth gave Westfield State the lead for good, and the visitors added an insurance tally in the sixth when senior Cagney Turner (Carleton Place, Ont.) was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Junior Ben Wagner (Cumberland, R.I.) gave Westfield State the lead for good in the nightcap with a second inning RBI single, and the visitors extended their lead to 4-1 in the third on an RBI double by senior Adam Franke (Monson, Mass.) as well as a run-scoring single off the bat of sophomore Pete Grillo (Shrewsbury, Mass.).

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Senior Nathan Landry continued his dominance in the throwing events by placing first in the hammer throw (171-6) and shot put (47-9 1/4) and third in the discus.

Also placing first was senior Phil Gingras in the 10,000 meter run and freshman Patrick Regan in the 1500 meter run.

Finishing second were Tyler Merchant (javelin), Stahelski (400 meter dash), Jovaney Toledo (discus) and John Lannon (pole vault).

WOMEN WIN TOO

The Westfield State College women's outdoor track and field team won its 12th straight Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) championship on Saturday, April 25, with another dominating performance at the newly dedicated Jerry Gravel Track.

Westfield racked up 249 team p [illegible] outdistance Worcester (117) and Bridgewater (106) in the six-team meet.

The Owls placed first in 10 events, led by Marlee Berg and Kerry Arouca. Arouca set meet records in winning the 3,000 meter steeplechase (11:02.16) and the 1500 meter run (4:51.26).

Berg won the 110 hurdles and the high jump, tying her personal best of 5-7. The standout senior also placed in four other events: 400 hurdles, second place; 200; third place; long jump, second place; and triple jump, second place.

Sophomore Rachel Ryan won the shot put and placed second in the javelin. Also finishing first were: Marianne Mealey, 10,000 meter run; Kelsey Teal (pole vault), Jill Monahan (discus), Amanda Gricus (hammer throw), and the 4 x 400 relay team of Jen Simao, Kelcie Gildea, Stephanie Baker and Caitlin Handcock.

Handcock finished second in the high jump with a fine effort of 5-5. Laura Poore placed second in the 200 meter dash.

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Westfield St. baseball team blanks Western New Englanc

SPRINGFIELD – Sophomore pitcher Sean Keane (Brockton) tossed a rare 10-hit shutout as the Westfield State baseball team blanked host Western New England College 4-0 in a non-conference game Thursday afternoon at Trelease Park.

SEAN KEANE

Keane, a right-hander, struck out two and walked six in raising his record to 2-0 with his first shutout of the season.

Westfield State compiled 11 hits with junior first baseman Ben Campbell (Easthampton) leading the way with a single, RBI double, and a run scored. Every starter hit safely in the game.The Owls took a 1-0 lead in the second on a RBI single by sophomore left-fielder Sean Geary (South Yarmouth) and extended their lead with three runs in the fifth.

Keane pitched out of jams several times and the Owls' defense turned three double plays in the game.

It was a frustrating day for the Golden Bears who had stranded 11 runners on base while committing two errors and having two players caught stealing,

Sophomore third baseman Tony Trubia (Tolland) had three hits while senior center fielder Chris Newell (Wallingford, Conn.) had a single and double, and senior left fielder Mike Beck (Whitesboro, N.Y.) a pair of singles.

Senior Bryan Calzone (Bethel, Conn.) (6-3) took the loss.

Westfield State (18-13) has won four of its last five contests while WNEC (23-14) has dropped its last two outings.

The Owls visit Massachusetts Maritime in a key Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference twinbill on Saturday.

The Golden Bears end their regular season with a The Commonwealth Coast Conference doubleheader at Anna Maria on Saturday.

'Gravel Track' dedication: T
"Jerry Gravel Track" will be de
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Westfield St. eliminated by Castleton

April 30, 2009

CASTLETON, Vt. – Senior Nicole Adams scored seven goals and had one assist to lead second-seeded Castleton to a 15-12 win over the third seed Westfield State in New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance semifinal tournament action Wednesday afternoon.

Castleton raced out to a 5-0 lead over the first six minutes of play as Marie VanDerKar scored three times to lead the surge. Westfield State answered with goals from Kasey Rogers, Rachel Dionne and Jen Lyon to cut the lead to 5-3 with 15:42 remaining in the half.

After a goal by Castleton's Aimee Goulette made it 6-3, Dionne sandwiched a goal from Adams and Ally Brown tallied inside of five minutes to play to make it 7-6 at halftime.

Castleton used an early Owl yellow card to score three quick extra-player goals to make it 10-6 a little less than two minutes into the second half. Adams scored twice and Elizabeth Haggerty added one to give Castleton some breathing room.

Westfield State once again answered the run and the Owls found hemselves down 12-11 after a Brown goal with 12:30 remaining. A Castleton yellow card gave the Owls the extra-player opportunity and an eight-meter free position attempt with 9:33 remaining in the contest. Castleton goalie, Fransesca Mazzola stopped three-straight shots on net to preserve the lead, and the Spartans killed off the penalty successfully. VanDerKar, Adams and Stephanie Pearce each scored goals in succession to put the game out of reach.

VanDerKar followed Adams in the scoring column with four goals, while Pearce added two goals and two assists.

Dionne led the Owls with five goals and one assist, while Rogers and Brown each had two goals. Laura Chiricosta added one goal and two assists. Kaity Burns stopped six shots in the loss as Westfield State falls to 11-6 on the season.

Castleton advances to its second-straight NEWLA Final, and ups its season record to a program-best 13-2. Mazzola stopped 10 shots in the win.

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MAY 12, 2009

Owls draw Trinity in NCAA's

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State College baseball team will play Trinity (Conn.) College in an opening round game of the NCAA Division III New England Region Tournament on Wednesday, May 13, at 4:30.

The New England regional is being hosted by Eastern Connecticut State University at Eastern Baseball Stadium in Mansfield, Conn. Two years ago the Owls were shipped to the New York Region in Ithaca, N.Y., for the NCAA Tournament.

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New England is being billed as the strongest region in the nation with three of the top-ranked teams in NCAA Division III. Eastern Connecticut (35-6) is the No. 1 seed, followed by No. 2 Southern Maine (35-7), No. 3 Trinity (29-5), No. 4 WPI (28-11), No. 5 Suffolk (30-9), No. 6 Westfield (23-15), No. 7 Husson (31-12) and No. 8 Babson (21-15).

The other New England team participating in the NCAA Tournament is Western New England College, which was placed in the New York Region at Farmingdale State on Long Island. Westfield defeated WNEC, 4-0, this season.

Trinity is the defending NCAA champion and defeated Westfield twice in Florida by scores of 9-4 and 13-4. Westfield also lost to Suffok, 9-8, in Florida, but the Owls topped WPI, 14-8, on April 1, two days after WPI had beaten Trinity.

The regional tournament is a five-day, double elimination setup, with the champion advancing to the NCAA Division III World Series in Appleton, Wisconsin. Video stream and live stats will be provided for all tournament games. For complete tournament details go to: New England Region Tournament.

Westfield claimed the MASCAC postseason tournament championship with a nail-biting 4-3 victory over Worcester State. The Owls were seeded fourth for the MASCAC tournament, finishing conference regular season play with a 7-7 record.

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The Owls notched their third straight 20-win season and are led by three junior all-conference selections: shortstop Ben Wagner (Cumberland, R.I.), first baseman Ben Campbell (Easthampton, Mass.) and second baseman Jeff Fields (Pittsfield, Mass.).

Campbell, a transfer from Holyoke Community College, is hitting .343 with a .545 slugging percentage (12 doubles, 4 triples, 3 home runs). He ranks second in the MASCAC with 44 runs batted in.

Fields, a second-team all-conference honoree in 2008, is batting .339 for the NCAA Tournament bound Owls. Fields has scored 39 runs and has drawn 26 walks for a .477 on-base percentage. He has 12 stolen bases in 12 attempts.

Wagner is the Owls' Mr. Consistency. The versatile infielder was a second-team MASCAC selection for the third straight year.

His junior year he played third base for the Owls and his freshman year he was an all-conference second baseman and the MASCAC rookie of the year.

Wagner leads the Owls and ranks third in the MASCAC with a .386 batting average. He also leads the team with 27 walks, 54 hits, and a .491 on-base percentage. He is tied with Fields for team-high honors in runs scored (39) and has stolen 10 bases in 11 attempts.

Junior fleet center fielder Mike Trachtenberg (Newton, Mass.) is hitting .331 with a team-high 16 stolen bases. Junior slugger Kevin Lyons (Braintree, Mass.) is batting .330 with 26 RBI. He was named MVP of the conference tournament.

Junior Jesse Vermeesch (Marlboro, Mass.) leads the Owls with a 5-1 pitching record and 29 striketouts.

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Trinity rallies to top Westfield in N.E. Regional

MAY 14, 2009

MANSFIELD, Conn. - James Wood (Windham, NH) hit a game-tying three-run home run with two out in the bottom of the fourth inning to spark the third-seeded and defending national champion Trinity College baseball team to a 6-4 win over sixth-seeded Westfield State College Wednesday afternoon on the opening day of the 2009 NCAA Division III New England regional tournament at the Eastern Connecticut State Baseball Stadium.

A winner of eight of its last nine, Trinity (30-5) advances in the winners' bracket Thursday at 7:45 p.m. while Westfield (23-16) will play an elimination game Thursday at 1:15 p.m. vs. Husson College (31-13) of Bangor, Maine. Husson, the No. 7 seed, lost to Southern Maine, 5-4, in 10 innings on Wednesday night.

In earlier games Wednesday, fourth-seeded WPI trimmed fifth-seeded Suffolk University, 7-6, and eight-seeded Babson College upset top-seeded Eastern Connecticut State University, 10-6.

Westfield righty Jesse Vermeersch (Marlboro, MA) carried a two-hitter into the fourth inning, then retired the first two hitters of that frame. Kent Graham (Longmeadow, MA) singled and Ryan Piacentini (Portland, ME) walked, however, before Wood unloaded a 2-0 pitch over the scoreboard in left-center to tie the game for his fourth roundtripper of the season.

In the fifth, two walks and a hit batsman loaded the bases for Graham, who legged out an infield ground ball to give the Bantams the lead for good, 4-3.

In the sixth, Wood singled and pinch hitter Kevin Mortimer (Spencer, MA) drove him in with a double. Mortimer scored on successive wild pitches that pushed Trinity's lead to 6-3.

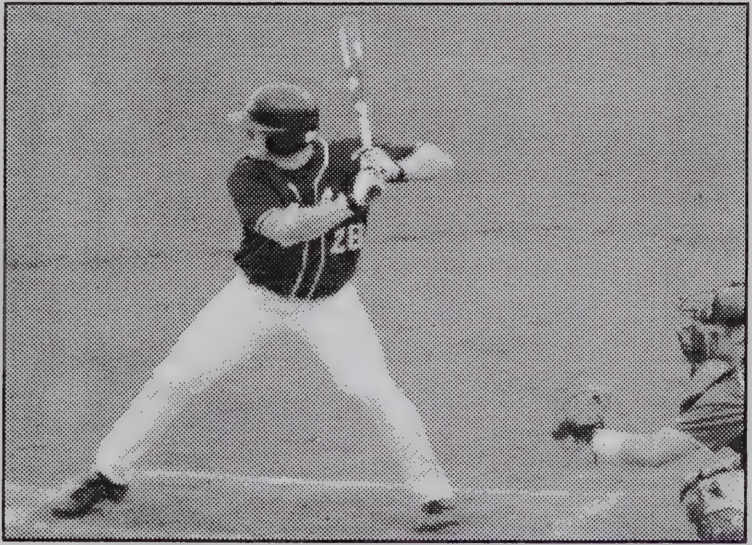
Freshman lefty James Ramsey (Belmont, MA) limited Westfield to six hits and only two earned runs. He fanned five and walked three before departing after allowing two hits to open the seventh. Ramsey struggled early when the Owls scored in the first on two walks and a single, and moved out to a 3-0 lead with two unearned runs in the third on a two-out infield error and Pete Grillo's (Shrewsbury, MA) two-run double to the base of the center field fence.

Owls eliminated by Husson

MAY 15, 2009

MANSFIELD, Conn. – The seventh-seeded Husson College baseball team scored six runs in the seventh inning on three hits and five Westfield State College errors to wipe out a one-run deficit and record a 10-3 victory in an elimination game of the 2009 NCAA Division III New England Tournament Thursday afternoon at the Eastern Connecticut State Baseball Stadium.

The win in NCAA play is the first for Husson (32-13) in its second game and moves the Eagles into another elimination game Friday at 10 a.m. against the loser of a late Thursday game between fouorth-seeded WPI and eighth-seeded Babson College. Westfield (23-17) had lost a 6-4 decision to 2008 national champion Trinity College and is eliminated from its eighth NCAA tournament appearance .



Westfield State College's Kevin Lyons gets ready to crank a solo home run over the center field fence in the fourth inning. **(Submitted photo)**

Trailing 3-0, the Eagles got two back in the sixth on Tom Crews' (Bangor, ME) fourth home run of the season, then broke the game open by scoring six times in the seventh to take an 8-3 lead. Husson chased Westfield starter Sean Keane (Brockton, MA) and faced two relievers in the inning. The Eagles had three hits in the inning -- including a two-run single down the left field line – but were also aided by the vie Westfield errors and two hit batters that produced two unearned runs.

Westfield's four pitchers combined to hit eight batters, three of whom scored.

Freshman righty Nate Adams (Frankfort, ME) went the distance for the sixth time in nine starts this year. Adams (7-2) surrendered only four hits and struck out nine, walking four and hitting a batter. Adams allowed two home runs – but both were solo shots – that helped stake the Owls to a 3-0 lead after four innings. No. 3 hitter Kevin Lyons (Braintree, MA) and cleanup hitter Ben Campell (Easthampton, MA) each hit home runs, with Lyons plating another run with a first-inning sacrifice fly.

Westfield State athletic teams go international

By GREG PETERSEN May 30, 2009
Intern Correspondent

WESTFIELD – With the world coming together so fast, Westfield State President Evan S. Dobelle and the college are offering the Owl varsity sports teams an opportunity to learn more about their sports and other cultures

Just a year ago the Westfield State women's soccer team journeyed to Germany and Holland, with a brief stop in Paris. In January the men's basketball team, along with the cheerleading squad, went to the Bahamas.

And this summer the women's field hockey and the men's soccer teams will head overseas: The field hockey team to Buenos Aires, Argentina, and the men's soccer team to Barcelona, Spain.

President Dobelle stated that he wants all students, not just varsity athletes, to have an opportunity to travel and find the similarities, rather than the differences, between the different cultures.

"The students will see how people their own age have the same hopes, dreams, aspirations and problems they do," said Dobelle. "I want to give them opportunities and break away from what they think they are limited to. If they have a first choice as to what they want to do and they keep to it, then I'm thrilled for them. I just want them to have options.

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The Westfield State girls soccer team in Europe. (Submitted photo)

"This century is not going to be a loss of American domination as we knew it last century, but will be a century of American partnerships," Dobelle continued. "Those partnerships are going to be with European communities and they are going to be with India and China. We need to do that and whether it is women's soccer teams going to Europe or with the men's soccer team going to South America, all those things are important.

Dobelle further stated that most companies the students will work for in their lifetimes will be owned by international conglomerates and if those students don't know much about other cultures it will be difficult for them to work together.

Dobelle has been the president of the International Presidents Association since 1992 and wants to continue giving students the opportunity to travel.

"A lot of the students had never traveled before so they were nervous, but they were all really excited to go," said Westfield State women's soccer head coach Todd Ditmar. "Our schedule over there was incredibly busy; we were going every which way to every museum and stadium that we hoped to see, so it was very exciting."

Dobelle scheduled the trip so the soccer team was able to stop in Paris for a night on the way back, and coach Ditmar said his players enjoyed the incredible experience.

"President Dobelle set up the day in Paris, and wow, what a closing embarking journey for us," said sophomore Kate MacLellan, who, along with teammate Jill Ranney, kept a live blog on the Westfield State athletics Web site throughout the trip. "The Eiffel Tower was the most beautiful thing I had ever seen. Traveling up to the top of it was a sublime experience. You could see all of Paris. The best part? We had lunch on the second floor of the Eiffel! How many college students get to do that?"

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President Dobelle received letters from the women on the soccer team, not just thanking him for the trip, but for the life changing experiences each had. He said the letters expressed emotions each student felt walking down the boulevards in Paris and with the monuments they saw.

"These trips are not just about sports," Dobelle said. "They go to museums, historical sites, churches, and palaces and they talk to regular people to interact. All of it is a great opportunity for students."

MacLellan agreed the trip was much more than just soccer.

"Not only did the overseas trip help us become better soccer players, in essence it helped us become better people whether we were aware of that or not," she said. "Diversity is so important in today's times: at school, in the workplace, a night out in town, everywhere. It makes us more intelligent about society because we are getting another glimpse in the perspective of another."

The soccer team also benefitted greatly from a sports perspective. Ditmar said that his team was able to practice with the Dutch national team coaches and former national players and that was one of the best parts of the trip. His players now use some of the drills and training techniques that the Dutch team showed them.

"It's really a once in a lifetime experience for teams to have the opportunity to travel abroad and play teams from different cultures," said Westfield State athletics director Richard Lenfest. "We saw it from our women's soccer team; they were the first team and possibly the first students to have a chance to go abroad last August. They came back and had a great season winning the league and going to NCAA tournament."

According to MacLellan, the team was extremely grateful to have the opportunity to train with the coaches and learn new skills.

"We were better able to cope with high pressured situations after being coached by Roger, the KNVB (Koninklijke Nederlandse Voetbalbond "Royal Netherlands Football Association") coach," she said. "He prepared us well for the game we had later on against the Dutch. They were extremely physical players, but consistently switching the fields kept them off our backs and we ended up winning 2-0."

The early August trips also give the squads and extra few weeks of preseason practice. As per NCAA rules, each varsity team is permitted to travel overseas once every four years to participate in games and experience other cultures.

"It's a situation where the team can come back a little earlier than normal and start to play together," Lenfest said. "They have that little extra bonding experience and for a lot of them they get to go abroad for the first time and learn what it's like to travel. They will get the opportunity to go and see some things that they will remember for the rest of their lives."

Although the trip to the Bahamas for the men's basketball and cheerleading squads was shorter than the soccer team's trip, they were also able to play some competitive teams and do some sightseeing as well. President Dobelle arranged for the teams to spend an afternoon touring downtown Nassau to learn about the history and culture of the city.

This August the field hockey team will travel to Buenos Aires, Argentina, to experience the culture and passion the country has for field hockey.

"We definitely expect to have a great field hockey experience and learn some things," head coach Heather Cabral said. "Argentina plays at a high level, top three in the world. Everyone there plays from a young age to past college, whereas here it is more of a recreational activity. They also have a different style of play, so hopefully we'll learn a lot of field hockey there along with some cultural things."

Cabral said that she narrowed her choices to Argentina, Australia and the Netherlands because of the popularity of the sport in those countries.

The team plans on playing three or four games against university or club teams that similar in age, along with having two clinics. Cabral knows a couple of teams that have gone on similar trips to Argentina and that certainly influenced her decision to go there.

"Trinity College (Hartford, Conn.) did the same trip last year and you can just tell the transformation," she said. "I think it will be an eye-opener for our team, especially the intensity level and little strategies. I want to focus on the individual ball handling so I'm hoping that we can improve on that."

As well as playing field hockey, the team will sightsee and visit a ranch for horseback riding. A tour guide will be with the team the entire time.

The varsity sports teams must fund-raise to partially finance their trips. The field hockey team, for example, has raised money through a Red Sox raffle and car wash. Cabral said the team, including the coaches, plans to have more fundraisers.

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The Westfield State men's soccer team is also busy planning for its big trip to Spain.

"We are very excited by this opportunity," said head coach Matt Noyes. "It is a great way to start our season and will be a great time to do some team building activities. This is a trip of a lifetime for many of us and we are very grateful for the opportunity."

The team will train daily and play three matches during their eight-day stay. It also plans cultural tours around the beautiful country of Spain.

The team has done several fundraisers, including a car wash, magazine drive, and 50-50 raffles. Noyes says the players really want to minimize how much they will have to pay from their own pockets.

"It's definitely an academic opportunity to go and visit another country and we credit President Dobelle for including athletics," said Lenfest. "We are looking to have one women's team and one men's team travel abroad every year."

Lenfest believes th program can now attr ity student-athletes t and increase the lev tion.

"We feel as if tr will help the college as recruiting athletes he said. "It really se other colleges and th in bringing in better r ter athletes."

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Sylvain having nice season

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Local college notes

Katie Sylvain always could shoot the basketball.

Sylvain, who scored 1,288 points in her three-time All-Scholastic high school career at Hopkins Academy, has been named the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference women's basketball Player of the Week for he week ending Jan. 25.

But to get the honor, the Westfield State College sen-or guard did so much more han give the rock the old heave-ho.

Sylvain averaged 15 points, six rebounds and 5.5 assists in conference victories over MCLA and Framingham, Those victories, plus one over Fitchburg Tuesday night, when Sylvain cored 14 points and had four assists, left the Owls continu-ng their stroll atop the MASCAC standings, 15-3 overall and 7-0 in conference play.

Taken individually, Sylvain's season numbers don't eally raise any eyebrows. She's averaging 11.1 points, .7 rebounds and 3.1 assists. But, Sylvain leads the Owls n assists, is second in scor-ng and is tied for third in rebounding. She also has 28 teals, second on the team, and leads in both shooting percentage (.515) and 3-point hooting percentage (.452).

ELMS: Amanda Brogna is on ire for the Blazers' women's basketball team.

Brogna, who last week hared the honor with Bay Path's Hunt, has been named New England Collegiate Conference Player of the Week for the week ending an. 25, following two games n which she averaged 23 points and 16 rebounds.

The junior from Oxford is averaging a double-double (17.2 points and 11.7 rebounds) as Elms' tough early-season non-conference schedule, when it went 1-7, has paid of in a 4-2 start in NECC play.

Elms freshman Vincent Cruz won NECC honors in men's volleyball. The middle hitter led the Blazers to their first two victories of the season in a 2-1 week, and had 21 kills and five blocks in 10 games.

AIC: Former Agawam standout Stacy Boisvert was named to the Northeast-10 women's basketball Honor Roll for the second straight week after averaging 19 points and seven rebounds in victories over Southern New Hampshire and St. Anselm.

Boisvert, who is hitting free throws at an 81 percent rate this season, hit 10 of 10 from the line in a 22-point effort against St. Anselm, and had a double-double (16 points 10 rebounds) against Southern New Hampshire. The senior forward is averaging 17.4 points and 6.5 rebounds.

Sophomore guard Laechia Conely also was named to the honor roll. She averaged 13 points, 5.5 rebounds and six assists in those games.

Isiah Wallace, a former Sabis International Charter School standout, and his teammate Lucius Millinder were named to the NE-10 man's honor roll.

Wallace averaged 16.5 points and six rebounds in victories over Southern New Hampshire and St. Anselm. He's averaging 17.4 points and 8.3 rebounds for the season.

Millender, who is averaging 11.4 points and 6.3 rebounds this season, averaged 22.5 points and 8.5 rebounds last week, and scored 12 of AIC's 16 overtime points against St. Anselm's.

MISCELLANY: Kendra Stern, a sophomore from Albuquerque, N.M., is sharing the NESCAC Women's Swimming and Diving Co-Performer of the Week honors. Stern set two individual pool records – in the 200 free and the 100-yard butterfly – and was part of a record-setting 4 x 800 freestyle relay team that shattered the Pratt Pool record in a 149-92 victory over Union College . . . Springfield College diver Brian Sobel was named NEWMAC Diver of the Week for the sixth time this season. Sobel won on both the one- and -three-meter boards against Williams . . . Senior Lindsey Harrington of Amherst College has been named the NESCAC women's ice hockey Player of the Week. Harrington had three goals and two assists in a pair of Amherst victories. . . . Former Hampshire Regional standout Ali Leveille, a junior guard at MCLA, was named to the MASCAC women's basketball honor roll after averaging 10.7 points and 4.3 rebounds in three games last week. . . . Joey Sbordon of Franklin, earned his fourth Atlantic-10 Rookie of the Week. Among his accomplishments, the freshman won the 1000-yard freestyle with a personal best of 9:38.62 in a victory over Boston College

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Westfield State rallys for 4 runs to shock Bethany

CLERMONT, Fla. – Westfield State College scored four runs in its final at bat to rally for a 5-2 victory over Bethany (West Virginia) College Thursday evening.

The Owls boosted their record to 4-3; their final Florida game is Friday afternoon when they play the University of Southern Maine. Bethany is 5-5.

Trailing 2-1 in the bottom of the sixth inning, senior sparkplug Jackie Mason started the rally by drawing a walk. Mason promptly stole second and scored when the shortstop misplayed the throw from the catcher. The ball rolled to the center field fence and Mason easily scored to knot the game at 2-2.

Freshman Lisa Policelli barely beat out a bunt base hit and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Kristyn Carroll. Sophomore shortstop Alicia Gardner (Athol) then delivered the game-winning hit, a single thru the right side that scored Policelli; the runners advanced to second and third on the throw home.

Hot-hitting Allison Allen then tacked on insurance runs with a two-run single to left field. Allen collected half of the Owls' six hits, going 3-for-3. Policelli was 2-for-3.

Senior Casey Riddell (Athol/Maher Regional) scattered 10 hits for the pitching victory. She did not issue a walk and struck out two.

Westfield St. 1, Ripon 0

Chelsea Sylvia struck out 13 and Westfield State scored a run in its last at bat on four walks to record a 1-0 victory over Ripon (Wisconsin) College early Thursday.

The Owls evened their record to 3-3 after the big win; Ripon is 5-3.

Sylvia scattered five hits and walked one in her second straight strong outing. On Tuesday she fanned 12 in a five-inning victory.

Leadoff batter Jackie Mason drew a one-out walk in the seventh inning. She advanced to second on a Lindsay Jardin groundout then stole third base.

Alicia Gardner was walked on a 3-2 pitch, then Katie Gorman was intentionally walked to load the bases. Kristyn Carroll was credited with the game-winning RBI when she also squeezed out a full-count walk.

Jardin collected two of Westfield's four hits.

BASEBALL TEAM SWEPT

At Auburndale, Fla., reigning national champion Trinity (Conn.) College belted 27 hits in a 9-4, 13-4 double header sweep of Westfield State College Thursday.

Trinity, the NCAA Division III baseball champ with a spectacular 45-1 record in 2008, remains perfect this season with a 7-0 record. Westfield is 4-4.

Three Western Mass. products collected 12 of Trinity's hits. Senior catcher Sean Killeen (Greenfield), junior first baseman Kent Graham (Longmeadow) and junior right fielder Jack Abbott (Longmeadow) each had four hits in the twinbill sweep.

Abbott had five RBI and a double, Killeen pounded a triple and double with three RBI, and Graham finished with five RBI, a homer and a double.

Graham lined a two-run shot inside the left field foul pole to give the Bantams a 4-0 lead in the top of the third inning of the opener. Westfield tied the score in the home half of the third with an opposite field, grand slam homer just inside the right field foul pole by junior Ben Campbell (Easthampton).

Trinity then tacked on four runs on five hits in the fifth inning.

In the second game, Westfield held a 3-2 lead when Trinity erupted for five runs in the bottom of the fourth to knock Owl starting pitcher Jeff Fields from the game.

Westfield was outhit 15-3 in the opener and 12-7 in the nightcap. In game two, Ben Wagner was 2-for-3 and Pete Hogan hammered an RBI double.

Westfield defeats Elms, 7-5

HOLYOKE – Junior right fielder Kevin Lyons (Braintree) went 2 for 5, including a clutch two-run single to key a four-run, fifth-inning and help send visiting Westfield State to a 7-5 win over Elms College in Tuesday's non-conference baseball game at MacKenzie Stadium.

The Owls improved to 6-5 overall, while the Blazers lost their second straight and fell to 4-7.

Elms College led 3-1 through four innings before Westfield State capitalized on a pair of errors to plate its four runs in the top half of the fifth - three of them unearned. Lyons highlighted the inning with his two-run single up the middle.

The Owls extended their lead to 6-3 on a RBI single to right center by junior designated hitter Jeff Fields (Pittsfield).

Elms College scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the seventh that included an RBI single by sophomore shortstop Jonathan Ortiz (Carolina, Puerto Rico).

Westfield State added an insurance run on a RBI sacrifice fly by junior center fielder Mike Trachtenberg (Newton).

Freshman pitcher Curt Everett (Lexington, MA) scattered four earned runs on eight hits with four strikeouts over eight innings to post his first collegiate victory.

Elms College sophomore pitcher Matt Wood (Feeding Hills) was tagged with the tough-luck loss despite allowing just one earned run over 4.1 innings of work.

Sophomore Nick Cordeiro (Berkley), juniors Dan Ingraham (Granby), Mike Bieber (Wading River, NY) and senior Joe Esile (Milford, CT) combined to scatter two earned runs and six hits over the final 4.2 innings for the Blazers.

Fields finished 3 for 5 with a pair of runs scored and junior shortstop Ben Wagner (Cumberland, RI) went 2 for 6 for the Owls, who belted out 11 hits but committed four errors.

Sophomore second baseman Brendan Cordeiro (Berkley), freshman center field Zach Cerra (South Windsor) and Ortiz all had two hits apiece for the Blazers.

Elms College returns to non-conference play with a game at Johnson & Wales University on Thursday, March 26 at 3:30 p.m. Westfield State hosts Amherst in its home opener on Wednesday, March 25 at 3:30 p.m.

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Owls bomb Springfield in baseball

SPRINGFIELD – Andrew Poliferno gave up just four hits while pitching a complete game victory to lead his Westfield State baseball team to a 9-1 non-conference win over Springfield College this afternoon at rainy Berry-Allen Field.

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With their fourth straight win, the Owls are now 8-5, while Springfield drops to 3-10.

Poliferno, a junior righthander from Sharon, Mass., struck out 7, while walking none in the 9-inning contest, played under wet conditions from the first inning on. Poliferno is now 1-0. For Springfield, junior righthander Mike Cole (Greenfield) went just 2 2/3 innings, giving up 4 runs on 8 hits, while striking out 1 and walking 4. Only two of those four runs were earned.

Certainly the big inning of the day was the second for the Owls when they scored six runs. The inning began with a single by freshman 3B Matt Kelly (Weymouth). Sophomore catcher Pete Hogan (Weymouth) was then hit by a pitch, and both runners were sacrificed over. Sophomore 2B Pete Grillo (Shrewsbury) then hit a grounder to short that was misplayed, with one run scoring.

Senior LF Brad King (Perth, Ontario), then hit a tapper down the third-base line with the runner from third attempting to score. The third baseman, however, sailed one wide of the plate, the ball thrown to the backstop, and a second run scored. A runner was then thrown out at the plate on a fielder's choice to the second baseman, and it looked like Cole was going to get out of the jam

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with minimal damage. Two walks then forced in the third run. That brought up junior 1B Ben Campbell (Easthampton), who tripled to deep right-center, scoring three more big runs.

In the third inning, the Owls tacked on two more when freshman RF Alex Xiarhos (Yarmouthport) hit a triple down the right field line with two outs. That made it 8-0 for Westfield State.

Springfield scored its lone run in the fourth inning when freshman 2B Mike Corletta (Westtown, N.Y.) doubled to lead it off, then advanced to third on a groundout. He scored moments later on an infield single by senior SS Jamie Mackie (Springfield).

The game's final run was scored in the top of the 6th when King blasted a long solo shot to right-center.

Westfield State scored its 9 runs on just 7 hits. Junior RHP Chris Collard (Coventry, R.I.) pitched well for Springfield, giving up just 2 hits and 1 run in 4 1/3 innings of relief. Senior RHP Travis Turgeon (Norwich, Conn.) then pitched a scoreless 8th, and sophomore RHP Mario Piscitelli (Greenlawn, N.Y.) pitched a scoreless 9th for the Pride. Piscitelli incidentally made two brilliant plays in the field during his play at third base in the middle innings.

For WSC, seven different players had the hits. By the same token, SC's hits were by four different players.

SOFTBALL
Westfield St. 8, Elms 3

At Chicopee, Westfield State senior first baseman Katie Gorman (Feeding Hills) went 3 for 4 with two RBI, sophomore second baseman Kristyn Carroll (Brockton) went 2 for 4 with 3 RBI and the Owls used a clutch two-run, fifth-inning to pull away to an 8-3 win over Elms College in Thursday's non-conference softball game at Condon Field.

Westfield State extended its win streak to five straight to improve to 6-3, while Elms College lost its second straight and fell to 2-7.

The Owls plated two runs in the first, two more in the third and one in the fourth to grab a 5-0 lead midway through the game.

The Blazers, however, answered with three runs in the home half of the fourth – all unearned – including a clutch two-run single up the middle by junior left fielder Kim Lastowski (Turners, Falls).

Elms College then had runners at second and third following a passed ball with two outs, but could not capitalize, as Westfield State senior pitcher Chelsea Sylvia (South Dartmouth) forced a popout to escape the inning.

From there, Carroll delivered a crucial two-run single down the right field line to plate junior designated player Allison Allen (Peabody) and Gorman with insurance runs for the Owls.

Sylvia was solid for the Owls, as she scattered seven hits, struck out nine and allowed no earned runs in the complete-game effort en route to her fifth win in six starts.

Lastowski finished 2 for 4 with two RBI and senior shortstop Kerrie Bowden (Chicopee) went 3 for 4 for the Blazers in the loss.

Elms College opens New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) play at Daniel Webster on Saturday, March 28. Game one of the scheduled doubleheader is 12:00 p.m. Westfield State returns to non-conference play when it hosts WNEC on Friday.

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MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009

Owls bow out of NCAA Tournament

Muhlenberg College outscores Westfield St., 80-63

BRUNSWICK, Maine - Senior guard Lauren Boyle (Wantage, N.J.) scored a game-high 23 points to lead Muhlenberg (Pa.) College to an 80-63 victory over Westfield (Mass.) State in an NCAA Division III Tournament first round regional game at Bowdoin College on March 6.

WESTFIELD ST. ROUNDUP

Muhlenberg, 25-3, advances to the second round where it plays the winner of Bowdoin-Castleton State game. Westfield State finishes its season 22-5, the best season winning percentage in school history.

"Muhlenberg has some very talented players," said Westfield State head coach Andrea Bertini. "We played Muhlenberg hard the entire game and I am proud of my team. But Muhlenberg just had too many weapons tonight."

The Mules also had three other players score in double figures in their potent attack. Freshman guard Alexander Chili (Rockville, Md.) scored 18 points, making 6 of 11 shots from 3-point range. Sophomore guard Kelly McKeon (Watertown, Conn.) finished with 15 points game highs of nine rebounds and seven assists.

Sheila Cook, a 6-1 center from Rockville Centre, N.Y., had 16 points and tied for game-high honors with nine boards. Cook dropped in 14 of her points in the second half to help stop a Westfield comeback attempt.

In the first half, a key 12-0 run vaulted Muhlenberg to a 36-25 halftime lead. The teams traded buckets throughout the first 11 minutes of the first half before the Mules began their big scoring spurt at the 8:30 mark.

Sparked by baskets from McKeon, Chilli and Boyle, coupled with several Westfield turnovers, Muhlenberg took a 30-18 lead with 5:02 remaining.

Westfield reserve forward Molly Brogan stopped the scoring run with a driving layup at the 3:41 mark.

Westfield nearly cut the lead to single digits in the closing seconds of the first half, but senior Lauren Sylvain's (Hadley, Mass.) 3-point

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Owls smash Albertus Magnus

WESTFIELD – Ben Campbell (Easthampton) celebrated his 22nd birthday by going 4-for-5 with a triple, double and three RBI, and Mike Trachtenberg (Newton) was 2 for 3 with five RBI in Westfield State's 20-5 rout of Albertus Magnus College on Wednesday, April 8.

Westfield (14-7) trailed 5-1 after an inning and a half. With the scored tied 5-all, the Owls erupted for 10 runs in the fifth inning for a commanding 15-5 lead. The Owls tacked on five more runs in their final at bat.

Westfield out-hit Albertus, 17-7, while Albertus pitchers issued 10 walks.

Kevin Lyons (Braintree) was 2-for-4 with a triple and two RBI for the Owls and Jeff Fields (Pittsfield) was 1-for-4 with three RBI. BradKing clubbed a double and triple.

Former Westfield State player Pete Rogan (Middletown, Conn.) was 2-for-4 with a triple for Albertus. Erik Suraci (West Haven, Conn.) smacked a two-run homer in the first inning.

Steve Sullivan, the third of five Westfield pitchers, was credited with the victory.

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attempt went halfway down the hoop before bouncing out.

Lauren Sylvain, who scored a team-high 21 points, was red hot in the first half as she led the Owls with 13 points, making 4 of 6 attempts from 3-point range.

Boyle (14 points), McKeon (11) and Chilli (9) powered the Mules in the first half.

Muhlenberg quickly took a 17-point, 45-28 lead in the opening two minutes of the second half, but Westfield didn't fold. The Owls went on a 12-2 run to cut the lead to seven with 14:45 remaining. Lauren Sylvain drained her sixth and final 3-point basket at the 15-minute mark and sophomore forward Christal Bello (West Boylston, Mass.) followed with an old fashioned 3-point play to make it 47-40.

But the Mules responded to the comeback by quickly building another double-digit lead with their strong inside-outside attack.

Muhlenberg outrebounded Westfield, 45-38, and shot 50 percent (30-for-60) from the field. Westfield shot 35 percent from the field (24-for-69), including 9-for-24 from 4-point range.

Senior forward Andrea Wasuk (Lenox, Mass.) - the Mass. State Conference Player of the Year – finished her fine four-year career by scoring 19 points. She was Westfield's only other player scoring in double figures.

MEN'S TRACK

At Medford, senior Nathan Landry (Chelmsford) and junior Marc Gomes (Springfield) placed in the ECAC Division III indoor track and field championships held March 6-7 at Tufts University.

Landry finished sixth in the shot put with a heave of 47-9 1/4, while Gomes placed seventh in the 200 meter dash in 22.70. Landy and Gomes also finished 14th in the weight throw (48-5 1/4) and 55 dash (6.69), respectively.

Also competing for the Owls were Todd Kittelson (10th, 400 meter dash, 51.28) and Jon Joyce (mile run, 4:31.94).

WOMEN'S TRACK

At Medford, junior Kerry Arouca (Hanson) and senior Caitlin Handcock (Cumberland, Maine) placed in the ECAC Division III indoor track and field championships held March 6-7 at Tufts University.

Arouca finished fourth in the mile run with a school record and NCAA national provisional qualifying time of 5:03.43. Caitlin Mullarkey of Swarthmore (Pa.) College posted a winning time of 4:59.54.

Handcock tied for fifth in the high jump by clearing 5-3 3/4.

Also competing was Westfield senior Marianne Mealey, who placed 17th in the 5,000 meter run (18:51.97).

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

At Newton, sophomore Rachel Dionne (Feeding Hills) had seven goals and two assists as Westfield State rallied for a 21-18 overtime victory over Lasell College in the Owls' season opener on Saturday, March 7.

Caitlyn Murphy (Katonah, NY) and Tina Canavan (Stonington, Conn.) each scored seven goals for Lasell in a losing effort. Laura Chiricosta tallied six goals for the Owls.

Murphy attacked at 26:59 of the first half to put the Lasers up by one, with an assist from Chelsea Caren (Redding, Conn.). Chiricosta (Lexington, Mass.) tied it up with a dish from Ally Brown (Andover, Mass.) just 20 seconds later. The teams went back and forth goal-for-goal up until with less than six minutes left in the half the Lasers netted goals by Erika McGrath (Saco, ME), Meredith Hessler (Middletown, RI) and two by Canavan to go up 9-5 at the break.

In the second half, the Owls closed in on the Lasers lead by scoring three goals right off the bat, while down a player due to a penalty, with Dionne, Chiricosta, and Kaitlin Welsh (Wilbraham, Mass.) each putting in goals. The Owls tied the game up at 11-all when Brown scored on an unassisted shot.

For the remainder of the period, the teams traded goals, climaxing in a 17-all regulation tie.

In overtime, Westfield's Nicole Dipilato (Shrewsbury, Mass.) and Dionne donned goals to go ahead, with Dionne's proving to be the game winner. Lasell's McGrath scored with 33 seconds left in the first overtime period, but that was the final Laser tally of the game. Two more Owls scored in the second overtime period, concluding the game with a 21-18 Owl victory.

Brown ended the day with five points while also picking up four draw controls.

Canavan had a Lasell-best eight points in the contest, adding one assist to her seven scores. Canavan also took a game-best eight draw controls in the contest. McGrath and Caren each tallied three points, and Hessler controlled five ground balls, six draw controls, and caused two turnovers.

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Owl bats outslug Worcester Polytechnic

WESTFIELD – Sophomore third baseman Jeff Ackerman (Beverly) was 3-for-5 with a home run, double and five RBI, and junior first baseman Ben Campbell (Easthampton) was 2-for-3 with a triple, three RBI and three runs scored to power Westfield State to a 14-8 victory over Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) on Wednesday, April 1.

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The streaking Owls improved to 12-5 with their eighth straight victory. WPI, 14-7, also had entered the game with seven straight wins, and 11 victories in 12 games, including a 9-7 decision over reigning national champion Trinity College on Monday.

The teams traded leads in the early going. Westfield led 3-2 after three innings, then WPI scored three runs in the fifth for a 5-3 lead. Owl starting pitcher Joe Green was yanked after a bases loaded walk in the fifth, then WPI's Mitch McClune (Pembroke/BC High) drove reliever Curt Everett's first pitch to deep center field for a two-run double.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Westfield tied the score in the home half of the fifth on a two-run double by Ackerman. WPI took its last lead, 6-5, a sixth-inning unearned run on Mike Swanton's (Foxboro) sacrifice fly.

The Owls scored five runs with two outs in the bottom of the sixth for a 10-6 lead. The game-winning hit was recorded by Campbell, who crushed a three-run triple to deep center field on a 3-2 pitch. Westfield scored later in the inning on a fielding error and a bases loaded walk.

WPI cut the lead to 10-8 by scoring twice in the seventh. But Westfield kept on the attack with a four-run uprising in the seventh, with the big blow Ackerman's opposite-field, three-run homer just inside the right field foul pole.

Westfield out-hit WPI, 13-11. Ben Wagner (Cumberland, R.I.) was 3-for-5 with three runs scored and an RBI, and Adam Franke (Monson) was 2-for-3 with two RBI.

For the Engineers, McClune was 3-for-5 with a double and two RBI. Mark Dignum (Albany, N.Y.) belted a double and single and Scott McNee (Falmouth) was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Aaron Messier (New Bedford), the third of four Westfield pitchers, was credited with the pitching victory. WPI used five pitchers. Starter Bryan Watkins pitched into the sixth inning.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Owls blast Becker, 20-0

WESTFIELD – Westfield State College coasted to a 20-0 victory over Becker College in a non-conference softball game Monday.

Westfield, 9-4, scored four runs in the first inning and crossed the plate nine times in the second frame.

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The Owls collected 14 hits in the five-inning game. Jackie Mason was 2-for-2 with a triple and Katie Gorman slugged a two-run homer to dead center field in the first inning. Lindsey Jardin had two hits and an RBI and Angela Steams smacked a two-run double.

Becker, 0-7, had one hit, a bloop single by Amanda Fogaren.

Madeline Tomich hurled the first three innings for the Owls and struck out eight.

Westfield returns to action on Tuesday when it hosts Western Conn. in a doubleheader beginning at 3.

Freshman honored in hockey

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The Westfield State College hockey team is enjoying a successful season, and two of the reasons for that success have been cited by the ECAC Northeast conference.

Freshman A.J. Shiverdecker has been selected the league's Rookie of the Week after two games in which he scored three goals and had three assists, while senior Jeff Chilson of Enfield was named to the circuit's weekly honor roll. He has two goals and three assists.

Local college notes

The Owls' Laura Poore, a freshman from Warwick, R.I., was named MASCAC Women's Indoor Tract Athlete of the Week after taking a third in the 200 meters, a fourth in the 55, and helping the Owls win the 4 x 200 relay at the Smith College Tartan Invitational.

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SOFTBALL SWEPT

The Amherst College softball team picked up a pair of come-from-behind wins over Westfield State College on Wednesday afternoon in non-conference action. The Lord Jeffs scored two runs in the bottom of the eighth inning to take the first game by a 3-2 margin before rallying late for a 5-2 win in the nightcap.

Amherst improves to 14-5, matching the program's win totals from each of the past two years when the Lord Jeffs finished at 14-18. The Owls' three-game winning streak comes to a halt, as they move to 13-9 on the year.

Fans witnessed four outstanding pitching performances on the day, with the first game featuring Amherst ace Alex Chang-Graham (San Carlos, CA) and Westfield's Chelsea Sylvia (South Dartmouth, MA). The Owls struck first when reigning MASCAC Player of the Week Kim Brennan (Douglas, MA) sent a two-out home run over the fence in center field to give her team an early 1-0 lead.

Chang-Graham would not allow another hit until the seventh inning, as she retired 18 of the next 19 batters she faced after surrendering the long ball to Brennan. Westfield State picked up its second run in the eighth inning when an RBI-groundout from first-year Alex Thompson (Amherst, MA) scored Brianna Isaacs (Yarmouthport, MA), who began the inning on second base.

Sylvia was equally impressive, allowing only one run through the first seven innings. The Jeffs got on the board in the bottom of the fourth when first-year Annemarie Iker (Mill Valley, CA) led off with a double to right field. After advancing to third on a wild pitch, Iker scored when pinch-hitter Stephanie Clegg (Woburn, MA) reached on a fielding error.

After the Owls took a 2-1 lead in the eighth, the Jeffs answered right back with a pair of runs. With first-year Carly Dudzik (Darien, CT) placed on second base to begin the inning, junior Emily Neill (Kentfield, CA) tried to advance the runner with a sacrifice bunt. Not only did Neill move Dudzik to third, but an error on the play brought the Amherst first-year around to score the game-tying run. Neill moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by senior Holly Trace (Northport, AL), went to third on a deep flyout by Iker, and scored on a passed ball with senior Julia Cummings (Los Angeles, CA) at bat. The final play at the plate was extremely close, but Neill beat the throw to give Amherst the 3-2 win.

Chang-Graham allowed only two hits and one earned run in 8.0 innings, striking out seven and walking one. Sylvia allowed six hits and no earned runs, picking up an impressive 12 strikeouts to go along with only one walk. Senior Emily Bularzik (Braintree, MA) played an exceptional game in right field, making a spectacular diving catch to end the top of the sixth inning before making another impressive catch on the run to begin the seventh.

Chang-Graham's 10th win marked a new career high, as she won six games as a first-year and nine as a sophomore.

The nightcap featured another pitching duel, this time between Amherst senior co-captain Maddie Tamagni (Salinas, CA) and Westfield senior Casey Riddel (Athol, MA). Each pitcher cruised through the first two innings without surrendering a hit, and neither surrendered a run until the sixth inning.

Arouca, Berg qualify for indoor Nationals

WESTFIELD STATE COLLEGE ATHLETICS

WESTFIELD – Westfield State College women's track and field standouts Kerry Arouca and Marlee Berg have qualified for the NCAA Division III indoor championships at the Rose-Hulman Sports and Recreation Center in Terre Haute, Indiana, March 13-14, with Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology serving as host.

Arouca is seeded 10th in the 5,000 meter run with a time of 17:19.57. The junior from Hanson, Mass., ran the qualifying time when she won the All New England (all divisions) championship two weekends ago.

Berg has qualified for nationals in two events - the high jump and the pentathlon. The versatile senior from Chelmsford set school records in both events this season, by clearing 5-7 in the high jump and compiling 3,136 points in the five-event competition. She is seeded second in the high jump and 13th in the pentathlon.

Both Arouca and Berg have national championship experience. Arouca competed in the NCAA Division III cross country championships last November, while Berg placed 11th in the high jump at the 2008 outdoor track and field championships.

CHILLSON HONORED

Westfield State senior captain Jeff Chillson (Enfield, Conn.) has been selected to the 2008-09 ECAC Northeast Hockey Division III All-Conference second team.

Chillson, the Owls' only senior, tallied 13 goals and 23 assists for the first-year varsity program that finished with an 11-9-4 record.

He was the only Westfield State player honored in the 13-team Division III conference.

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Jaehnig named player of week after star performance

Westfield State senior guard Dave Jaehnig was named on Sunday afternoon as the MASCAC Men's Basketball Player of the Week after scoring a career-high tying 32 points and grabbing 10 rebounds in the Owls' 91-86 setback at 25th-ranked Elms last Tuesday evening, Nov. 25.

The 6-4 Quincy native also had three assists and two steals. He shot 56 percent from the field (9 for 16) and 71 percent from the foul line (12 for 17).

Jaehnig has 988 career points heading into the Owls' next game when they host Western New England College in the opening round of the Pioneer Valley Classic on Friday, Dec. 5. The WNEC-Westfield game begins at 8:00 p.m. and will be preceded by the Amherst-Springfield game at 6:00 p.m.

The Pioneery Valley Classic games on Saturday, Dec. 6 games, also being played at Westfield State, are WNEC vs. Springfield at 6:00 and Amherst vs. Westfield at 8:00.

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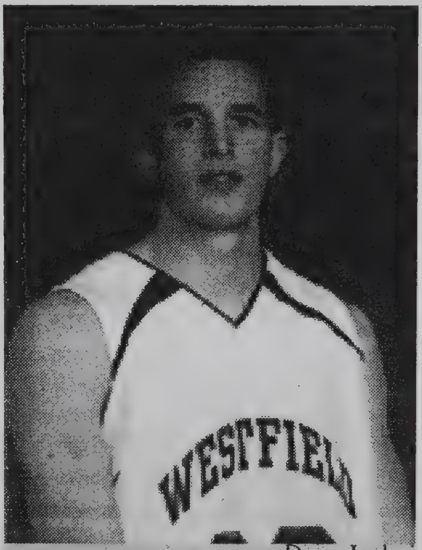

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Westfield St. gets sweep of Framingham

WESTFIELD — Junior first baseman Ben Campbell (Easthampton) was 5 for 8 with two doubles, a triple and eight RBI to power Westfield State to a double header sweep of Framingham State, 12-4, 16-2, on Saturday, April 18.

Westfield State improved its record to 16-12 overall and 4-6 in MASCAC play, while Framingham State dropped to 7-19 overall and 3-7 in the conference.

Ben Wagner (5 for 7, 5 RBI, 5 runs scored) and Brad King (5 for 9, two doubles, triple, 5 RBI) also had huge days at the plate for the Owls.

Westfield was in control early as it led 9-1 after three innings the opener and 9-2 at the end of three in the nightcap. In game one, pitcher Andrew Poliferno paced the Owls with six solid innings, giving up three earned runs on eight hits. Game two starter Jeff Fields scattered six hits over four innings to get the win.

Game one did feature a bright spot for Framingham State as center fielder Jason Hutchinson hit a home run to deep center field. Alex Xiarhos went deep in the game two victory for the Owls.

Framingham State right fielder Steve Tramontozzi went a combined 4 for 7 while teammate Ryan McCarthy rapped 3 hits and knocked in 3 in the two setbacks.

Westfield State pounded out 29 hits while the Rams countered with 15 hits but only six combined runs off Westfield State pitching.

Softball splits: At Westfield, Westfield State and Framingham State split a doubleheader in key Mass. State Conference action on Saturday, April 20.

The Owls rallied to win the opener, scoring two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning for a 4-3 victory. Westfield's comeback fell short in the second game as Framingham pulled out an 8-6 extra-inning victory on Katie Donovan's two-run homer in the ninth.

Westfield is 18-12 overall and 8-2 in the conference. Framingham is 5-3 in the conference and 8-24 overall.

Trailing 2-0 in the opener, Framingham scored two unearned runs in the sixth and another unearned run in the seventh to take a 3-2 lead.

In the home half of the seventh, Katie Gorman reached on a fielding error and Alicia Gardner

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walked. Kristyn Carroll grounded out to shortstop, advancing both runners. Danielle Lutenegger then hit a grounder to third base and pinch runner Lisa Policelli got a good jump and slide home safely to tie the score. Freshman Kerin DeGirolamo then delivered the game-winning hit, a two-out RBI single up the middle.

Westfield was out-hit 11-4 and Framingham stranded 12 base runners. Every player hit safely for the Rams, with Christy Ulak and Alyssa Shea each collecting two hits. DeGirolamo had two hits for Westfield.

In the second game, Westfield led 3-2 after five innings on two home runs by Gorman. The Agawam High School product cracked a two-run homer in the first and lined a solo shot over the centerfield fence in the fourth.

Framingham took a 6-3 lead with a four-run sixth inning. The Rams only had two hits in the inning, including a solo homer by Ulak, but the Owls committed two costly errors.

Westfield battled back to send the game into extra innings. The Owls scored a run in the sixth on a Lutenegger sacrifice fly. They scored two runs in the seventh. Jackie Mason singled and moved to third on a single by Lindsay Jardin. A double steal brought home Mason to make it 6-5. Kristyn Carroll then blooped a two-out single to center field to tie the game.

Westfield out-hit Framingham, 13-10. Mason and Jardin were both 3 for 4, while Gorman was 2 for 3 with her two homers and three RBI.

Katelyn Pacheco was 3 for 5 for the Rams and Donovan was 2 for 5 with her game-winning two-run homer in the ninth.

Lacrosse shuts out Elms: At Chicopee, Westfield State sophomore midfielder Rachel Dionne (Feeding Hills) netted a game-high five goals and sophomore attack Laura Chiricosta (Lexington) added a pair of goals and three assists as the Owls soared to a 17-0 win over Elms College in Saturday's New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance (NEWLA) game at Leary Field.

Westfield State (10-4) snapped a two-game losing skid and posted its first 10-win season in just the program's third intercollegiate season. With the win, the Owls also remained in third place in the NEWLA standings.

Elms College fell to 0-12, 0-6 NEWLA.

Owls place 2nd at Springfield: The Westfield State men's track and field team placed second in the highly competitive Springfield College Invitational on Saturday, April 18.

MIT won the 13-team invite with 199.5 points, followed by Westfield (129) and Springfield (98.5).

Senior Nathan Landry was Westfield's only first place finisher; he won the shot put with a heave of 13.84 meters, edging out teammate Jovaney Toledo (13.83).

Landry finished third in the hammer throw (48..98 meters), just trailing teammate Anthony Stomski, who placed second with a nice toss of 49.55 meters.

The Owls picked up plenty of points in the throwing events as Toledo was fifth in the hammer and third in the discus. Tyler Merchant placed second in the javelin and teammates Steve Skribiski and Chris Kerr finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

On the track, senior Todd Kittelson performed well against the top-flight competition, placing third in the 100 meter dash (11.1) and fifth in the 200 (21.87); both clockings were personal bests. He also was a member of the 4 x 100 relay that placed third in 42.83.

Dan Stahelski was third in the 400 (51.1).

Handcock qualifies provisionally for NCAAs: The Westfield State College women's outdoor track and field team finished fourth in the 12-team Springfield College Invitational on Saturday, April 18.

Placing first for the Owls were Jill Monahan in the discus and Caitlin Handcock in the high jump. Handock's winning jump of 5-5 qualifies her provisionally for the NCAA national championships.

Kerry Arouca was third in the 1500 meter run with an outstanding time of 4:47.69; her best time entering the meet was 5:04.21.

Karen Dowe performed well in the highly competitive meet with fourth-place finishes in the long jump and triple jump; she surpassed 16 and 36 feet, respectively, in the events. Jenn Simao was third in the javelin throw and Amanda Gricus was fourth in the hammer throw.

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Westfield nips Fitchburg in OT

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Sophomore Laura Chiricosta (Lexington) had game highs of eight goals and four assists and sophomore Rachel Dionne (Feeding Hills) tallied five goals and three assists to lead Westfield State to a 20-17 overtime victory over Fitchburg State in New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance (NEWLA) action on Saturday, April 11.

Westfield improves to 9-2 overall and 4-1 in NEWLA. Fitchburg is 4-6 and 1-3.

Despite the records disparity, a close game was anticipated and the Falcons looked like they were going to pull off a victory in regulation. Fitchburg took a 17-16 lead with 11:17 remaining in regulation on a goal by Emily Swan (Franklin), who tied for team-high honors with five goals.

The game was scoreless over the next 11 minutes as the teams traded turnovers and missed shots. Fitchburg was attempting to run out the clock in the final three minutes when Westfield's Jess Bruso picked up a grounder with 52 seconds remaining.

Westfield missed a free position shot with 27 ticks left but still controlled the ball. Dionne then scored with 13 seconds left in regulation on a nice pass behind the goal from senior

Owls broke loose for three goals in the second three-minute stanza. The game-winning goal was recorded by freshman Jen Lyon (Pittsfield/Taconic) on a free position shot with 2:38 remaining. Lyon opted to go high as she lofted the ball over the goalie for her nice game-winning shot.

Westfield dominated the draw controls in OT and decided to keep attacking instead of milking the clock. Dionne and Chiricosta teamed up for a goal at the 2:13 mark, and Chiricosta scored on a Dionne assist with 1:25 remaining.

The three-goal final score difference was Westfield's biggest lead. Fitchburg jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the game's opening five minutes. Westfield chipped away and took a 9-8 lead with 5:53 left in the first half. The halftime score was 10-10. It was one of 11 ties in the seesaw game.

The teams traded goals in the first 18 minutes of the second period. The Falcons then scored two straight goals in the span of 24 seconds to take its 17-16 lead.

Also scoring five goals for the Falcons was Amanda Burns (Weymouth). Sophomore Kaitlyn Kelley (Pepperell) had three goals and two assists. Fitchburg goalie Jill Shaner (Arlington) made 12 saves.

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Westfield State drops home opener

By JEFF HANOUILLE
Staff Writer

WESTFIELD – Costly errors and a lack of offense hurt the Westfield State College softball team yesterday as Western New England College posted a 10-4 non-conference victory over the Owls Friday evening in Westfield State's home opener.

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The Golden Bears, who improved o 7-4 with the victory, struck for six unearned runs in the third inning to ake a 7-0 lead, which they never relinquished. With the loss, the Owls drop to 6-4.

Kate Post (Bridgewater) and Erin Griffin (Lowell) each had three RBIs and two hits to lead WNEC, which jumped out to a quick 1-0 ead in the second inning on a run-scoring single by Griffin.

The Golden Bears then exploded for six runs in the third frame by cracking five hits after two early miscues by the Owls, with Post and Griffin delivering the big blows with a pair of two-run singles.

Despite being down early, 11th-year Westfield coach Lou Ann Simchak said she expected her team o come back.

"We have the ability to bounce back, there's no doubt about it," the coach said. "We've been down more han that in the past. These kids don't quit. They're the type that you could be down by 10 and they don't care. They will come back. Our bats were just a little flat today. Any other day and these kids are going to come back. I'm actually pretty shocked that they didn't."

Westfield cut the deficit to 7-3 in the home half of the third as sophomore Alicia Gardner (Athol) had the most resounding hit with an RBI triple. WNEC, though, responded with two more runs, including an RBI groundout by Post to take the 9-3 lead.

WNEC freshman Sarah Lempicki (Southington, Conn.) put the icing on the cake for the Golden Bears and capped a 2-for-4 day at the plate by cranking a solo shot to dead center in the sixth for her team's 10th run of the game.

Westfield scored one run in the final inning as Jackie Mason (Florida, Mass.) came across the plate on a groundout by Lindsay Jardin.

After the game, Simchak said she wasn't going to make any excuses for her team's lackluster performance.

"No excuses," she said. "We didn't play well and they beat us. On another given day, who knows who's going to win."

Simchak said the team will have to put this setback behind themselves quickly. The Owls start conference play today at home against Fitchburg State in a doubleheader starting at noon.

"They're going to have to rally themselves," Simchak said. "Coaches don't do that. These kids are going to do it by themselves. They will get together, and they will motivate, and they will come here ready tomorrow to play ball, and they will do well."

Westfield State's freshman pitcher Madeline Tomich pitches during the fourth inning against visiting Western New England Collage during yesterday's game in Westfield. (Photo by Frederick Gore)

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Westfield State third baseman Kerin DeGirolamo just misses the tag out on WNEC's Angela Monaco during the second inning of Friday's game in Westfield. The Owls were defeated 10-4. (Photo by Frederick Gore)

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UMass Boston 1 (1-2)

Player                    AB  R   H RBI  BB SO PO   A LOB
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Ashley Faiella ss........  2  1   1  0    0  0  1   0   0
Christina Polsonetti lf..  2  0   0  0    0  1  0   0   0
Lauren O'Connor 3b.......  2  0   0  1    0  1  1   1   0
Courtney Haroules p......  2  0   0  0    0  2  0   3   0
Jenn Widener cf..........  1  0   0  0    1  0  0   0   0
Leigh Hammontree 2b......  1  0   0  0    0  0  2   3   0
Leanne Meninger 1b.......  1  0   0  0    0  1  2   0   0
 Brittainy Knight 1b.....  1  0   0  0    0  1  3   0   0
Lisa Polsonetti c........  2  0   0  0    0  1  2   0   1
Amanda Cianciulli rf.....  1  0   0  0    0  0  1   0   0
Totals.................. 15  1   1  1    1  7 12   7   1

Westfield State 13 (1-0)

Player                    AB  R   H RBI  BB SO PO   A LOB
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Jackie Mason cf..........  1  2   0  0    3  0  0   0   1
Lindsay Jardin rf........  3  2   1  2    1  0  1   1   0
Allison Allen dh.........  3  1   1  0    0  1  0   0   3
Katie Gorman 1b..........  3  2   0  0    1  0  5   0   0
Alicia Gardner ss........  1  3   1  1    3  0  1   0   0
Danielle Lutenegger lf...  3  0   1  0    1  0  0   0   0
Gia Calabrese c..........  2  1   1  2    0  1  7   0   0
Kristyn Carroll 2b.......  2  1   0  0    1  0  0   1   2
Kerin DeGirolamo 3b......  1  1   1  3    0  0  0   0   0
 Angela Stearns 3b.......  0  0   0  0    0  0  0   0   0
Chelsea Sylvia p.........  0  0   0  0    0  0  1   3   0
Totals.................. 19 13   6  8   10  2 15   5   8

Score by Innings               R   H   E
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UMass Boston........ 000 10 -  1   1   3
Westfield State..... 373 0X - 13   6   0
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E - L. O'Connor; C. Haroules(1); J. Widener. LOB - UMass Boston 1; Westfield
St 8. 2B - A. Faiella(1). 3B - K. DeGirolam(1). HBP - A. Allen; G.
Calabrese; K. DeGirolam 2. SH - L.Hammontree. SB - A. Faiella; J. Mason; L.
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UMass Boston           IP  H  R ER BB SO AB BF
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Courtney Haroules...  4.0  6 13  7 10  2 19 33

Westfield State        IP  H  R ER BB SO AB BF
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Chelsea Sylvia......  5.0  1  1  1  1  7 15 17
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Win - C. Sylvia (1-0). Loss - C. Haroules (0-1). Save - None.
WP - C. Haroules 4; C. Sylvia. HBP - by C. Haroules (G. Calabrese); by C. Haroules (K. DeGirolam); by C. Haroules (A. Allen); by C. Haroules (K. DeGirolam). PB - L.Polsonetti 2.
Umpires -
Start: 9:00 am   Time: 1:30   Attendance: 50
Game: UMBWES01

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Score by Innings                R  H  E
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UMass Boston........ 000 10 -  1  1  3
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UMass Boston starters: 14/ss A. Faiella; 5/lf C.Polsonetti; 4/3b L. O'Connor; 18/p C. Haroules; 10/cf J. Widener; 7/2b L.Hammontree; 25/1b L. Meninger; 9/c L.Polsonetti; 15/rf A.Cianciulli;
Westfield State starters: 8/cf J. Mason; 13/rf L. Jardin; 4/dh A. Allen; 22/1b K. Gorman; 1/ss A. Gardner; 18/lf D. Lutenegge; 12/c G. Calabrese; 5/2b K. Carroll; 14/3b K. DeGirolam; 10/p C. Sylvia;

UMass Boston 1st - A. Faiella grounded out to 2b. C.Polsonetti struck out looking. L. O'Connor struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 1st - J. Mason walked. L. Jardin reached on an error by p; J. Mason scored, unearned. A. Allen struck out looking. K. Gorman flied out to rf. L. Jardin stole second. A. Gardner singled, RBI; L. Jardin scored. A. Gardner advanced to second. D. Lutenegge walked; A. Gardner advanced to third on a wild pitch. D. Lutenegge advanced to second on a passed ball, advanced to third; A. Gardner scored on a passed ball, unearned. G. Calabrese hit by pitch. K. Carroll popped up to 2b. *3 runs, 1 hit, 1 error, 2 LOB.*

UMass Boston 2nd - C. Haroules struck out looking. J. Widener flied out to rf. L.Hammontree grounded out to p. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - K. DeGirolam hit by pitch. K. DeGirolam advanced to second on a wild pitch. J. Mason walked. K. DeGirolam advanced to third on a wild pitch. J. Mason stole second, advanced to third; K. DeGirolam scored on an error by

3b, scored, unearned. L. Jardin singled to first base, RBI; J. Mason scored. A. Allen hit by pitch; L. Jardin advanced to second. K. Gorman reached on an error by cf; A. Allen scored, unearned; L. Jardin scored, unearned. K. Gorman advanced to second. A. Gardner walked. A. Gardner advanced to second on a passed ball; K. Gorman advanced to third on a passed ball. D. Lutenegge grounded out to 3b. G. Calabrese singled to center field, 2 RBI, advanced to second; A. Gardner scored; K. Gorman scored, unearned. K. Carroll grounded out to p; G. Calabrese advanced to third. K. DeGirolam hit by pitch. J. Mason walked; K. DeGirolam advanced to second. L. Jardin walked, RBI; J. Mason advanced to second; K. DeGirolam advanced to third; G. Calabrese scored. A. Allen popped up to 2b. *7 runs, 2 hits, 2 errors, 3 LOB.*

UMass Boston 3rd - L. Meninger struck out swinging. L.Polsonetti grounded out to p. A.Cianciulli popped up to ss. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - B. Knight to 1b for L. Meninger. K. Gorman walked. K. Gorman advanced to second on a wild pitch. A. Gardner walked. D. Lutenegge grounded out to 2b; A. Gardner advanced to second; K. Gorman advanced to third. G. Calabrese struck out looking. K. Carroll walked. K. DeGirolam tripled, 3 RBI; K. Carroll scored; A. Gardner scored; K. Gorman scored. J. Mason grounded out to 2b. *3 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

UMass Boston 4th - A. Stearns to 3b for K. DeGirolam. A. Faiella doubled. C.Polsonetti popped up to p. A. Faiella stole third. L. O'Connor out at first rf to 1b, RBI; A. Faiella scored. C. Haroules struck out looking. *1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - L. Jardin grounded out to p. A. Allen singled to left field. K. Gorman reached on a fielder's choice; A. Allen out at second 2b to ss. A. Gardner walked; K. Gorman advanced to second. D. Lutenegge singled to third base; A. Gardner advanced to second; K. Gorman advanced to third. K. Gorman runner left early. K. Gorman runner left early. K. Gorman runner left early. K. Gorman picked off. K. Gorman runner left early, out at third p to 3b. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

UMass Boston 5th - J. Widener walked. L.Hammontree grounded out to p, SAC; J. Widener advanced to second. J. Widener advanced to third on a wild pitch. B. Knight struck out swinging. L.Polsonetti struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

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Westfield Coasts In Season Opener

Handles UMass Boston In Five Innings, 13-1

Freshman third baseman Kerin DeGirolamo blasted a three RBI triple in the season opener.

Box Score

CLERMONT, Fla. - Senior pitcher Chelsea Sylvia (South Dartmouth, MA) allowed one run on only one hit while striking out seven batters in five innings of work to lead the Westfield State College softball team to a 13-1 victory in its season opener vs. the University of Massachusetts Boston squad this morning in Clermont, Fla. The Beacons fall to 1-2 on the year while the win puts the Owls at 1-0.

In the bottom of the first, the Owls jumped ahead to a 3-0 lead, plating all the runs it would need in the contest with only one hit in the frame. The lone hit was a single by sophomore shortstop Alicia Gardner (Athol, MA) that knocked in the only earned run of the inning.

Westfield took advantage of 10 walks and four hits batsmen in the first outing of the season by Beacon senior pitcher Courtney Haroules (Littleton, MA). In the second, the Owls sent 13 batters to the plate and scored seven runs on only two hits to take a 10-0 lead. One of the hits came at the hands of junior catcher Gia Calabrese (West Springfield, MA) who drove in two runs with a single up the middle.

On the hill, the lead was more than enough for Sylvia who worked fast and efficiently, retiring the first nine Beacons she faced. UMass Boston freshman short top Ashley Faiella(Hyde Park, MA) belted a lead-off single in the fourth to break up the no-hit bid, and then stole third to be in great scoring position with no outs. Two batters later, senior third basemen Lauren O'Connor (Everett, MA) laced a one hopper to Owls right fielder Lindsay Jardin (Assonet, MA) who threw a bullet to senior first basemen Katie Gorman (Feeding Hills, MA). With the help of an incredible stretch by Gorman, the Owls nailed O'Connor on the 9-3 force out. Faiella scored the only Beacons run on the play while O'Connor was credited with the RBI.

Westfield tacked on its final three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning when freshman third basemen Kerin DeGirolamo (North Attleboro, MA) bombed a two-out, three RBI triple to clear the bases and make it a 13-1 ballgame.

Senior center fielder Jenn Widener (Hyde Park, MA) drew a leadoff walk in the fifth, but was stranded at third as Sylvia retired the next three batters, two by the way of the K, to end the game.

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FDU-Florham Defeats Westfield, 7-4

Box Score

CLERMONT, Fla. – The Westfield State College softball team dropped a 7-4 decision to Fairleigh Dickinson University-Florham (NJ) on Monday morning, March 16, in Clermont, Fla.

FDU-Florham remains unbeaten at 3-0 while Westfield drops to 1-2.

Westfield took a 2-0 first-inning lead. Jackie Mason and Alicia Gardner both tripled and Gardner scored on a wild pitch.

FDU scored three runs in the bottom of the first on just two hits as Westfield pitcher Chelsea Sylvia walked her only three batters in the inning. The big blow was a two-out, two RBI single to right field by Maria Dispenziere.

Westfield tied the score in the top of the third on a bunt single past the second baseman by Danielle Lutenegger. But FDU responded with a run in the home half of the third when Megan McInaw tripled and scored on a groundout by Christine Heyl.

FDU designated hitter Amy Beidman had the big blow in the game when she hit a towering three-run homer over the left field fence in the fifth. Westfield scored a run in its final at bat on an RBI single by Gardner.

McInaw was 3-for-3 with an RBI and also picked up the pitching victory. She walked four and struck out seven.

Both teams collected seven hits. Sylvia walked three, all in the first inning, and struck out nine.

Gardner was 2-for-3 with a triple, two RBI and two runs scored. Mason was 2-for-4 with a triple and two runs scored. Kristyn Carroll was 2-for-3.

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FDU-Florham 2nd - A. Thompson to c. Hirshenson grounded out to 3b, bunt. Sorice struck out, out at first c to 1b. Zaccardi flied out to cf. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - L. Jardin fouled out to c, bunt. A. Gardner walked. K. Gorman walked; A. Gardner advanced to second. L. Policelli pinch ran for K. Gorman. D. Lutenegge singled to second base, bunt, RBI; L. Policelli advanced to third; A. Gardner scored. D. Lutenegge advanced to second on the throw. K. Carroll out at first p to 1b to c, bunt; L. Policelli out on the play. *1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

FDU-Florham 3rd - K. Gorman to 1b for L. Policelli. Beideman struck out. McInaw tripled to right field. Heyl grounded out to ss, RBI; McInaw scored. Golembiewski grounded out to 2b. *1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - A. Thompson grounded out to p. A. Stearns flied out to cf. K. DeGirolam walked. J. Mason flied out to rf. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

FDU-Florham 4th - Dispenziere struck out swinging. Cole flied out to lf. Hirshenson struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 5th - L. Jardin grounded out to ss. A. Gardner lined out to 2b. K. Gorman popped up to 2b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

FDU-Florham 5th - Sorice singled to third base, bunt. Zaccardi singled to left field; Sorice advanced to second. Beideman homered to left field, 3 RBI; Zaccardi scored; Sorice scored. McInaw singled up the middle. DeGroat pinch ran for McInaw. Heyl struck out swinging. Fabian pinch hit for Golembiewski. Fabian lined out to 1b; DeGroat advanced to third on a throwing error by 1b. Dispenziere struck out swinging. *3 runs, 4 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 6th - McInaw to p for DeGroat. Heyl to 3b. Fabian to 1b. D. Lutenegge struck out swinging. K. Carroll singled to shortstop. A. Thompson popped up to 1b. A. Stearns grounded out to 3b. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

FDU-Florham 6th - Cole popped up to ss. Hirshenson lined out to ss. Sorice struck out looking. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 7th - K. DeGirolam flied out to rf. J. Mason singled to center field. L. Jardin grounded out to p, SAC; J. Mason advanced to second. J. Mason stole third. A. Gardner singled up the middle, RBI; J. Mason scored. K. Gorman struck out swinging. *1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

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E - J. Mason; K. Gorman; G. Calabrese. DP - FDUSB09 1. LOB - Westfield 6;
FDUSB09 3. 3B - J. Mason; A. Gardner; McInaw. HR - Beideman. SH - L. Jardin.
SB - J. Mason; K. DeGirolam; Zaccardi; Dispenziere.

Westfield State        IP  H  R ER BB SO AB BF
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Chelsea Sylvia......  6.0  7  7  7  3  9 25 28

FDU-Florham            IP  H  R ER BB SO AB BF
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Megan McInaw........  7.0  7  4  4  4  7 26 31

Win - McInaw.  Loss - C. Sylvia.  Save - None.
WP - McInaw 3.
Umpires -
Start: 9:00 AM   Time: 1:40   Attendance: 50
Game: WESFDU03
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Play-by-Play

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Score by Innings                     R  H  E
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Westfield State..... 201 000 1 -  4  7  3
FDU-Florham......... 301 030 X -  7  7  0
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Westfield State starters: 8/cf J. Mason; 13/rf L. Jardin; 1/ss A. Gardner; 22/1b K. Gorman; 18/lf D. Lutenegge; 5/2b K. Carroll; 12/c G. Calabrese; 2/3b A. Stearns; 14/dh K. DeGirolam; 10/p C. Sylvia;
FDU-Florham starters: 1/cf Sorice; 20/rf Zaccardi; 11/dh Beideman; 10/p McInaw; 6/1b Heyl; 18/3b Golembiewski; 13/c Dispenziere; 8/ss Cole; 21/lf Hirshenson; 5/2b Banta;

Westfield State 1st - J. Mason tripled to left center. L. Jardin grounded out to c unassisted. A. Gardner tripled to left field, RBI; J. Mason scored. K. Gorman struck out swinging. A. Gardner scored on a wild pitch. D. Lutenegge struck out swinging. *2 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

FDU-Florham 1st - Sorice struck out swinging. Zaccardi walked. Zaccardi stole second. Dropped foul ball, E2; Zaccardi advanced to third on a throwing error by cf. Beideman flied out to cf. McInaw singled to right field, RBI; Zaccardi scored. Heyl walked; McInaw advanced to second. Golembiewski walked; Heyl advanced to second; McInaw advanced to third. Dispenziere singled to right field, 2 RBI; Golembiewski advanced to third; Heyl scored; McInaw scored. Cole struck out swinging; Dispenziere stole second. *3 runs, 2 hits, 2 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - K. Carroll singled up the middle. A. Thompson pinch hit for G. Calabrese. K. Carroll advanced to second on a wild pitch. A. Thompson struck out swinging. A. Stearns struck out swinging. K. Carroll advanced to third on a wild pitch. K. DeGirolam walked. K. DeGirolam stole second. J. Mason struck out looking. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

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Westfield State 4 (1-2)

Player                   AB  R  H RBI BB SO PO  A LOB
-----------------------------------------------------
Jackie Mason cf.........  4  2  2  0   0  1  2  0   3
Lindsay Jardin rf.......  3  0  0  0   0  0  0  0   0
Alicia Gardner ss.......  3  2  2  2   1  0  2  1   0
Katie Gorman 1b.........  3  0  0  0   1  2  5  0   1
 Lisa Policelli pr......  0  0  0  0   0  0  0  0   0
Danielle Lutenegger lf...  3  0  1  1   0  2  1  0   0
Kristyn Carroll 2b......  3  0  2  0   0  0  0  1   1
Gia Calabrese c.........  0  0  0  0   0  0  2  0   0
 Alex Thompson ph/c.....  3  0  0  0   0  1  6  1   0
Angela Stearns 3b.......  3  0  0  0   0  1  0  1   1
Kerin DeGirolamo dh.....  1  0  0  0   2  0  0  0   0
Chelsea Sylvia p........  0  0  0  0   0  0  0  0   0
Totals.................. 26  4  7  3   4  7 18  4   6

FDU-Florham 7 (3-0)

Player                   AB  R  H RBI BB SO PO  A LOB
-----------------------------------------------------
Ronica Sorice cf........  4  1  1  0   0  3  1  0   0
Meghan Zaccardi rf......  2  2  1  0   1  0  2  0   0
Amy Beideman dh.........  3  1  1  3   0  1  0  0   0
Megan McInaw p..........  3  2  3  1   0  0  0  3   0
 DeGroat pr.............  0  0  0  0   0  0  0  0   0
Christine Heyl 1b/3b....  2  1  0  1   1  1  2  2   0
Megan Golembiewski 3b...  1  0  0  0   1  0  0  0   0
 Christina Fabian ph/1b..  1  0  0  0   0  0  3  0   0
Maria Dispenziere c.....  3  0  1  2   0  2 11  0   1
Maryssa Cole ss.........  3  0  0  0   0  1  0  1   2
Lara Hirshenson lf......  3  0  0  0   0  1  0  0   0
Tina Banta 2b...........  0  0  0  0   0  0  2  0   0
Totals.................. 25  7  7  7   3  9 21  6   3

Score by Innings               R   H   E
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Westfield State..... 201 000 1 -  4   7   3
FDU-Florham......... 301 030 X -  7   7   0
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Messiah Rallies Past Westfield, 5-3

Sophomore Kristyn Carroll was 4-for-6 with a triple and two RBI in Westfield's two games on Monday.

Box Score

CLERMONT, Fla. – Messiah (Pa.) College remained unbeaten (10-0) by rallying a 5-3 victory over Westfield State in softball action on Monday afternoon, March 16.

The Owls, 1-3, took an early 3-0 lead. Senior center fielder Jackie Mason led off the game with a triple and scored on a groundout by sophomore second baseman Kristyn Carroll.

Westfield scored two runs in the third inning. Mason drew a walk, stole second and third, and scored on a triple by Carroll. Alicia Gardner followed with an RBI groundout.

Messiah, which is located in Grantham, Pa., south of Harrisburg, tied the score in the home half of the third, collecting four hits off Westfield freshman pitcher Madeline Tomich. The key hit was a two-run single by Jacyln Merkel.

Messiah put together three hits in the fourth inning to score the game-winning run. Messiah added an unearned run on two Westfield errors in its final at bat.

Messiah outhit Westfield, 11-3. Carroll was 2-for-3 with a triple and two RBI. Tomich walked two and struck out six.

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stole second. J. Mason stole third. K. Carroll tripled to right center, RBI; J. Mason scored. A. Gardner grounded out to p, RBI; K. Carroll scored. K. DeGirolam flied out to cf. *2 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Messiah 3rd - Funk singled to third base, bunt. Funk advanced to second on a passed ball. Buchler singled to pitcher, bunt; Funk advanced to third. Buchler stole second. Merkel singled up the middle, 2 RBI; Buchler scored; Funk scored. Bowie out at first 3b to 2b, SAC; Merkel advanced to second. Seneca struck out swinging. Merkel advanced to third on a wild pitch. Adams walked. Hall singled to right field, RBI; Adams advanced to second; Merkel scored. Bergakker walked; Hall advanced to second; Adams advanced to third. Rice popped up to ss. *3 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 3 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - K. Brennan struck out swinging. D. Lutenegge grounded out to p. G. Calabrese struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Messiah 4th - Funk out at first p to 2b. Buchler singled up the middle. Merkel singled to third base; Buchler advanced to second. Bowie singled to left field, RBI; Merkel advanced to third; Buchler scored. Bowie advanced to second on the throw. Seneca struck out swinging. Adams popped up to 3b. *1 run, 3 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 5th - B. Isaacs struck out swinging. C. Jouannet grounded out to 3b. J. Mason struck out looking. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Messiah 5th - Hall flied out to rf. Bergakker flied out to lf. Stackhouse pinch hit for Rice. Stackhouse struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 6th - Stackhouse to rf. Eby to p for Hatt. K. Carroll singled through the left side. A. Gardner out at first 3b to 2b, SAC; K. Carroll advanced to second. K. DeGirolam lined out to 3b. K. Brennan struck out swinging. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Messiah 6th - Funk out at first p to 2b, bunt. Buchler singled to center field. Buchler advanced to second on a throwing error by cf. Buchler scored on an error by ss, unearned. Merkel popped up to 1b. Bowie singled to shortstop. Bowie advanced to second on a passed ball. Lehman pinch hit for Seneca. Lehman flied out to cf. *1 run, 2 hits, 2 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 7th - Seneca to ss for Lehman. D. Lutenegge grounded out to ss. G. Calabrese grounded out to p. K. Gorman pinch hit for B. Isaacs. K. Gorman struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

E - J. Mason; K. Carroll; A. Gardner. LOB - Westfield 2; MESSW 9. 2B - Merkel. 3B - J. Mason; K. Carroll. SH - A. Gardner; Bowie. SB - J. Mason 2; Buchler.

Westfield State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Madeline Tomich.....	6.0	11	5	4	2	6	29	32

Messiah	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Megan Rice..........	5.0	2	3	3	2	6	17	19
Corinn Eby..........	2.0	1	0	0	0	2	6	7

Win - Rice. Loss - M. Tomich. Save - Eby .
WP - M. Tomich. PB - G. Calabrese 2.
Umpires -
Start: 11:15 AM Time: 1:30 Attendance: 50
Game: WESMES04

Play-by-Play

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Score by Innings				R	H	E
Westfield State.....	102	000	0 -	3	3	3
Messiah.............	003	101	X -	5	11	0

Westfield State starters: 8/cf J. Mason; 5/2b K. Carroll; 1/ss A. Gardner; 14/3b K. DeGirolam; 6/rf K. Brennan; 18/lf D. Lutenegge; 12/c G. Calabrese; 7/dh B. Isaacs; 17/1b C. Jouannet; 3/p M. Tomich;
Messiah starters: 5/cf Funk; 14/2b Buchler; 21/lf Merkel; 16/dh Bowie; 8/ss Seneca; 20/1b Adams; 7/3b Hall; 17/c Bergakker; 15/p Rice; 6/rf Hatt;

Westfield State 1st - J. Mason tripled to left field. K. Carroll grounded out to ss, RBI; J. Mason scored. A. Gardner struck out looking. K. DeGirolam grounded out to 2b. *1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Messiah 1st - Funk struck out looking. Buchler struck out swinging. Merkel doubled to right field. Bowie grounded out to ss. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - K. Brennan popped up to ss. D. Lutenegge struck out swinging. G. Calabrese walked. B. Isaacs grounded out to 2b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Messiah 2nd - Seneca struck out swinging. Adams reached on an error by 2b. Hall singled to center field; Adams advanced to second. Bergakker flied out to lf. Rice fouled out to 1b. *0 runs, 1 hit, 1 error, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - C. Jouannet popped up to 2b. J. Mason walked. J. Mason

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Westfield State 3 (1-3)

Player                   AB  R  H RBI  BB SO PO  A LOB
-------------------------------------------------------
Jackie Mason cf.........  2  2  1  0    1  1  1  0   0
Kristyn Carroll 2b......  3  1  2  2    0  0  3  0   0
Alicia Gardner ss.......  2  0  0  1    0  1  1  1   0
Kerin DeGirolamo 3b.....  3  0  0  0    0  0  1  1   0
Kim Brennan rf..........  3  0  0  0    0  2  1  0   1
Danielle Lutenegger lf..  3  0  0  0    0  1  2  0   0
Gia Calabrese c.........  2  0  0  0    1  1  6  0   0
Brianna Isaacs dh.......  2  0  0  0    0  1  0  0   1
 Katie Gorman ph........  1  0  0  0    0  1  0  0   0
Cassy Jouannet 1b.......  2  0  0  0    0  0  3  0   0
Madeline Tomich p.......  0  0  0  0    0  0  0  2   0
Totals.................. 23  3  3  3    2  8 18  4   2

Messiah 5 (10-0)

Player                   AB  R  H RBI  BB SO PO  A LOB
-------------------------------------------------------
Rebekkah Funk cf........  4  1  1  0    0  1  1  0   0
Abi Buchler 2b..........  4  3  3  0    0  1  2  2   0
Jaclyn Merkel lf........  4  1  3  2    0  0  0  0   0
Amy Bowie dh............  3  0  2  1    0  0  0  0   1
Lauren Seneca ss........  3  0  0  0    0  3  1  2   0
 Ashley Lehman ph.......  1  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   1
Nicole Adams 1b.........  2  0  0  0    1  0  8  0   2
Lindsay Hall 3b.........  3  0  2  1    0  0  1  2   0
Abby Bergakker c........  2  0  0  0    1  0  8  0   0
Megan Rice p............  2  0  0  0    0  0  0  2   5
 Rebecca Stackhouse ph/rf 1  0  0  0    0  1  0  0   0
Tori Hatt rf............  0  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
 Corinn Eby p...........  0  0  0  0    0  0  0  1   0
Totals.................. 29  5 11  4    2  6 21  9   9

Score by Innings                 R  H  E
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Westfield State..... 102 000 0 -  3  3  3
Messiah............. 003 101 X -  5 11  0
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Bethany, WV vs Westfield State (Mar 19, 2009)

- Box score (NCAA)
- Play-by-Play

Box score (NCAA)

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            Mar 19, 2009 at Clermont, FL (NTC Complex)

Bethany, WV 2 (5-5)

Player                    AB  R  H RBI  BB SO PO  A LOB
-------------------------------------------------------
Chelsea Butler 2b........  4  1  2  1    0  0  2  0   0
Brittani Seeman lf.......  4  0  0  1    0  0  0  0   0
Ashley Marinacci ss......  4  0  1  0    0  0  1  2   0
Andrea Thomas 3b.........  3  0  3  0    0  0  2  3   0
 Janelle Windsheimer pr..  0  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
Bridgette Fauth c........  3  0  1  0    0  0  6  0   1
Stephanie Shafer 1b......  2  0  1  0    0  0  6  0   2
Lindsay Olson dh.........  3  0  1  0    0  2  0  0   3
Chelsea Shenton rf.......  2  0  0  0    0  0  1  0   0
 Cortney Lax ph/rf.......  1  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
Brittany Leslie cf.......  3  1  1  0    0  0  0  0   0
Summer Terrell p.........  0  0  0  0    0  0  0  1   0
 Cortney Newland p.......  0  0  0  0    0  0  0  1   0
Totals.................. 29  2 10  2    0  2 18  7   7

Westfield State 5 (4-3)

Player                    AB  R  H RBI  BB SO PO  A LOB
-------------------------------------------------------
Jackie Mason cf..........  2  1  0  0    1  1  1  2   0
Lisa Policelli lf........  3  1  2  0    0  1  3  0   0
Kristyn Carroll 2b.......  2  0  0  0    0  0  2  2   2
Katie Gorman 1b..........  2  0  0  0    1  1  5  0   0
 Angela Stearns pr.......  0  1  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
Alicia Gardner ss........  3  1  1  1    0  1  1  3   0
Kim Brennan dh...........  3  0  0  0    0  1  0  0   0
Allison Allen rf.........  3  0  3  2    0  0  3  0   0
Gia Calabrese c..........  1  0  0  0    0  0  2  0   0
 Lindsay Jardin ph.......  1  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   1
Kerin DeGirolamo 3b......  1  1  0  0    0  0  4  2   0
Casey Riddell p..........  0  0  0  0    0  0  0  1   0
Totals.................. 21  5  6  3    2  5 21 10   3

Score by Innings                    R  H  E
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Bethany, WV......... 110 000 0 -  2 10  3
Westfield State..... 001 004 X -  5  6  1
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E - Seeman; Marinacci; Thomas; L. Policelli. DP - BET 1. LOB - BET 7; Westfield 3. 2B - Butler 2. HBP - Shafer; K. DeGirolam. SH - K. Carroll; G. Calabrese. SB - J. Mason 2.

Bethany, WV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Summer Terrell......	5.1	5	5	4	2	5	18	23
Cortney Newland.....	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	3	3

Westfield State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Casey Riddell.......	7.0	10	2	2	0	2	29	30

Win - C. Riddell. Loss - Terrell. Save - None.
HBP - by C. Riddell (Shafer); by Terrell (K. DeGirolam).
Umpires -
Start: 5:00   Time: 1:40   Attendance: 50
Game: BETWES07

Play-by-Play

The Automated ScoreBook
Bethany, WV at Westfield State - Play-by-Play
Mar 19, 2009 at Clermont, FL (NTC Complex)

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Bethany, WV.........	110 000 0 -	2	10	3
Westfield State.....	001 004 X -	5	6	1

Bethany, WV starters: 22/2b Butler; 1/lf Seeman; 4/ss Marinacci; 24/3b Thomas; 18/c Fauth; 13/1b Shafer; 11/dh Olson; 33/rf Shenton; 3/cf Leslie; 16/p Terrell;
Westfield State starters: 8/cf J. Mason; 9/lf L. Policelli; 5/2b K. Carroll; 22/1b K. Gorman; 1/ss A. Gardner; 6/dh K. Brennan; 4/rf A. Allen; 12/c G. Calabrese; 14/3b K. DeGirolam; 19/p C. Riddell;

Bethany, WV 1st - Butler doubled down the lf line, advanced to third on a throwing error by lf. Seeman grounded out to ss, RBI; Butler scored. Marinacci singled to center field. Thomas singled up the middle; Marinacci advanced to second. Fauth reached on a fielder's choice; Thomas advanced to second; Marinacci out at third p to 3b. Shafer popped up to ss. *1 run, 3 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 1st - J. Mason struck out looking. L. Policelli struck out looking. K. Carroll lined out to ss. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Bethany, WV 2nd - Olson singled through the right side. Shenton popped up to lf. Leslie reached on a fielder's choice; Olson out at second ss to 2b. Butler doubled to right center, RBI; Leslie scored. Butler out at third cf to 2b to 3b. *1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - K. Gorman struck out looking. A. Gardner struck out looking. K. Brennan grounded out to 3b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Bethany, WV 3rd - Seeman lined out to 1b. Marinacci grounded out to 3b. Thomas singled to first base. Fauth singled to outfielder; Thomas advanced to second. Windsheimer pinch ran for Thomas. Shafer hit by pitch; Fauth advanced to second; Windsheimer advanced to third. Olson struck out looking. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 3 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - Thomas to 3b for Windsheimer. A. Allen singled to second base, bunt. G. Calabrese grounded out to 1b unassisted, SAC; A. Allen advanced to second. K. DeGirolam hit by pitch. J. Mason reached on a fielder's choice; K. DeGirolam advanced to second; A. Allen out at third ss to 3b. K. DeGirolam advanced to third on a throwing error by 3b. J. Mason stole second. L. Policelli singled to catcher, bunt; J. Mason advanced to third; K. DeGirolam scored, unearned. L. Policelli advanced to second on the throw. K. Carroll grounded out to 3b. *1 run, 2 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.*

Bethany, WV 4th - Shenton out at first 3b to 2b, bunt. Leslie flied out to lf. Butler popped up to cf. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - K. Gorman flied out to rf. A. Gardner fouled out to 3b. K. Brennan struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Bethany, WV 5th - Seeman flied out to rf. Marinacci grounded out to ss. Thomas singled up the middle. Fauth flied out to lf. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 5th - A. Allen singled up the middle. G. Calabrese out at first p to ss to 1b, bunt; A. Allen out on the play. K. DeGirolam popped up to 1b. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Bethany, WV 6th - Shafer singled to left field. Olson struck out swinging. Lax pinch hit for Shenton. Lax fouled out to 1b. Leslie singled to right center; Shafer. Shafer out at third cf to 2b to 3b. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 6th - Lax to rf. J. Mason walked. J. Mason stole second. J. Mason scored on an error by ss. L. Policelli singled to third base, bunt. K. Carroll out at first 3b to 2b, SAC; L. Policelli advanced to second. K. Gorman walked. A. Stearns pinch ran for K. Gorman. A. Gardner singled through the right side, RBI; A. Stearns advanced to third; L. Policelli scored. A. Gardner advanced to second on the throw. Newland to p for Terrell. K. Brennan fouled out to 2b. A. Allen singled to left field, 2 RBI; A. Gardner scored; A. Stearns scored. A. Allen advanced to second on a fielding error by lf. L. Jardin pinch hit for G. Calabrese. L. Jardin grounded out to p, bunt. *4 runs, 3 hits, 2 errors, 1 LOB.*

Bethany, WV 7th - K. Gorman to 1b for A. Stearns. G. Calabrese to c for L. Jardin. Butler popped up to 3b. Seeman flied out to rf. Marinacci flied out to rf. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

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Westfield Rallies To Beat Bethany, 5-2

Junior outfielde Allison Allen was 3-for-3 with two RBI

Box Score

CLERMONT, Fla. – Westfield State College scored four runs in its final at bat to rally for a 5-2 victory over Bethany (West Virginia) College on Thursday evening, March 19.

The Owls boosted their record to 4-3; their final Florida game is Friday afternoon when they play the University of Southern Maine. Bethany is 5-5.

Trailing 2-1 in the bottom of the sixth inning, senior sparkplug Jackie Mason started the rally by drawing a walk. Mason promptly stole second and scored when the shortstop misplayed the throw from the catcher. The ball rolled to the center field fence and Mason easily scored to knot the game at 2-2.

Freshman Lisa Policelli barely beat out a bunt base hit and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Kristyn Carroll. Sophomore shortstop Alicia Gardner (Athol) then delivered the game-winning hit, a single thru the right side that scored Policelli; the runners advanced to second and third on the throw home.

Hot-hitting Allison Allen then tacked on insurance runs with a two-run single to left field. Allen collected half of the Owls' six hits, going 3-for-3. Policelli was 2-for-3.

Senior Casey Riddell (Athol/Maher Regional) scattered 10 hits for the pitching victory. She did not issue a walk and struck out two.

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Southern Maine vs Westfield State (Mar 20, 2009)

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Box score (NCAA)

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               Southern Maine vs Westfield State
          Mar 20, 2009 at Clermont, FL (NTC Complex)

Southern Maine 1 (0-2)

Player                   AB  R  H RBI  BB SO PO  A LOB
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Sarah Cusack lf.........  2  0  1  1    0  1  2  0   0
Laura Leger 3b..........  3  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
Anita Dixon c...........  3  0  1  0    0  0  3  0   2
Sarah Deroche 1b........  2  0  0  0    0  1  5  0   1
Heather Gilman ss.......  2  0  1  0    0  0  0  3   0
Cerise Humphrey 2b......  2  0  1  0    0  1  1  1   0
Lauren DiCecco cf.......  2  0  0  0    0  2  1  0   1
Alexandra Perdomo p.....  1  0  0  0    0  1  0  0   1
 Konwatharani p.........  1  1  1  0    0  0  0  0   0
Molly Hopkins rf........  1  0  0  0    1  1  0  0   0
Totals.................. 19  1  5  1    1  7 12  4   5

Westfield State 9 (5-3)

Player                   AB  R  H RBI  BB SO PO  A LOB
-------------------------------------------------------
Jackie Mason cf.........  3  2  2  1    0  0  0  0   0
Lindsay Jardin rf.......  2  2  1  1    0  0  0  0   0
Alicia Gardner ss.......  2  1  1  2    0  0  0  0   0
 Kim Brennan ph/ss......  1  0  1  0    0  0  0  1   0
Katie Gorman 1b.........  3  1  0  1    0  0  3  1   1
 Cassy Jouannet 1b......  0  0  0  0    0  0  2  0   0
Kristyn Carroll 2b......  2  1  1  1    0  0  2  1   0
 Brianna Isaacs ph/2b...  1  1  1  0    0  0  0  1   0
Allison Allen dh........  2  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
Danielle Lutenegger lf..  2  0  1  2    0  0  1  0   1
 Lisa Policelli ph/lf...  1  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
Gia Calabrese c.........  1  1  1  0    1  0  6  0   0
 Alex Thompson ph/c.....  1  0  0  0    0  0  1  0   0
Kerin DeGirolamo 3b.....  1  0  0  0    0  1  0  0   3
 Angela Stearns ph/3b...  2  0  0  0    0  1  0  0   1
Chelsea Sylvia p........  0  0  0  0    0  0  0  1   0
 Madeline Tomich p......  0  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
Totals.................. 24  9  9  8    1  2 15  5   6

Score by Innings             R  H  E
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Southern Maine...... 000 01 - 1  5  4
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			R	H	E
Westfield State.....	332 1X	-	9	9	0

E - Leger; Gilman 2; Hopkins. LOB - USMSB 5; Westfield 6. 2B - K. Brennan; G. Calabrese. 3B - J. Mason; A. Gardner. HBP - A. Allen. SH - Cusack. SF - L. Jardin. SB - Jacobs; L. Jardin.

Southern Maine	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Alexandra Perdomo...	2.2	8	8	5	1	1	18	21
Konwatharani........	1.1	1	1	0	0	1	6	6

Westfield State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Chelsea Sylvia......	3.1	3	0	0	1	4	12	14
Madeline Tomich.....	1.2	2	1	1	0	3	7	7

Win - C. Sylvia. Loss - Perdomo. Save - None.
WP - M. Tomich. HBP - by Perdomo (A. Allen). PB - G. Calabrese 2.
Umpires -
Start: 3:50 PM Time: 1:25 Attendance: 50
Game: SMEWES08

Play-by-Play

The Automated ScoreBook
Southern Maine vs Westfield State - Play-by-Play
Mar 20, 2009 at Clermont, FL (NTC Complex)

Score by Innings			R	H	E
Southern Maine......	000 01	-	1	5	4
Westfield State.....	332 1X	-	9	9	0

Southern Maine starters: 5/lf Cusack; 3/3b Leger; 20/c Dixon; 17/1b Deroche; 14/ss Gilman; 9/2b Humphrey; 11/cf DiCecco; 18/p Perdomo; 10/rf Hopkins;
Westfield State starters: 8/cf J. Mason; 13/rf L. Jardin; 1/ss A. Gardner; 22/1b K. Gorman; 5/2b K. Carroll; 4/dh A. Allen; 18/lf D. Lutenegge; 12/c G. Calabrese; 14/3b K. DeGirolam; 10/p C. Sylvia;

Southern Maine 1st - Cusack struck out looking. Leger grounded out to 2b. Dixon singled down the lf line. Dixon advanced to second on a passed ball. Deroche struck out swinging. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 1st - J. Mason flied out to cf. L. Jardin reached on a throwing error by 3b, bunt. A. Gardner out on batter's interference. K. Gorman reached on a fielding error by ss; L. Jardin advanced to second. K. Carroll singled through the left side, RBI, advanced to second on the throw; K. Gorman advanced to third; L. Jardin scored, unearned. A. Allen hit by pitch. D. Lutenegge singled, 2 RBI, advanced to second on the throw; A. Allen advanced to third; K. Carroll scored, unearned; K. Gorman scored, unearned. G. Calabrese walked. K. DeGirolam struck out looking. *3 runs, 2 hits, 2 errors, 3 LOB.*

Southern Maine 2nd - Gilman grounded out to p. Humphrey singled to second base. DiCecco struck out swinging. Perdomo struck out swinging. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - J. Mason singled to left field. L. Jardin singled to third base, bunt; J. Mason advanced to third. L. Jardin stole second. A. Gardner tripled to left field, 2 RBI; L. Jardin scored; J. Mason scored. K. Gorman grounded out to ss, RBI; A. Gardner scored. K. Carroll reached on an error by rf. A. Allen lined out to 2b. D. Lutenegge grounded out to ss. *3 runs, 3 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Southern Maine 3rd - Hopkins walked. Cusack out at first 1b to 2b, SAC; Hopkins advanced to second. Leger popped up to 2b. Dixon flied out to lf. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - G. Calabrese doubled down the lf line. A. Stearns pinch hit for K. DeGirolam. A. Stearns grounded out to ss; G. Calabrese advanced to third. J. Mason tripled to center field, RBI; G. Calabrese scored. L. Jardin flied out to lf, SF, RBI; J. Mason scored. K. Brennan pinch hit for A. Gardner. K. Brennan doubled to right center. Jacobs to p for Perdomo. K. Gorman flied out to lf. *2 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Southern Maine 4th - K. Brennan to ss. A. Stearns to 3b. Deroche fouled out to 1b. Gilman singled up the middle. M. Tomich to p for C. Sylvia. Gilman advanced to second on a passed ball. Humphrey struck out looking. Gilman advanced to third on a wild pitch. DiCecco struck out looking. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

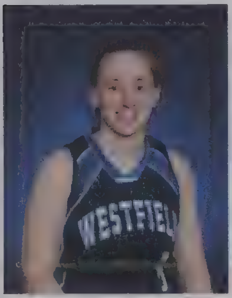
Westfield State 4th - B. Isaacs pinch hit for K. Carroll. B. Isaacs singled down the lf line. A. Allen popped up to 1b. L. Policelli pinch hit for D. Lutenegge. L. Policelli grounded out to 2b; B. Isaacs advanced to second. A. Thompson pinch hit for G. Calabrese. A. Thompson reached on a fielding error by ss; B. Isaacs scored, unearned. A. Thompson advanced to second on the error. A. Stearns struck out swinging. *1 run, 1 hit, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Southern Maine 5th - C. Jouannet to 1b for K. Gorman. B. Isaacs to 2b. L. Policelli to lf. A. Thompson to c. Jacobs singled to third base. Jacobs stole second. Hopkins struck out swinging. Cusack singled to center field, RBI; Jacobs scored. Cusack advanced to second on the throw. Leger grounded out to ss; Cusack advanced to third. Dixon grounded out to 2b. *1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

WESTFIELD ATHLETICS

Westfield Routs Southern Maine, 9-1

Owls Finish Florida Trip With Four Straight Victories



Senior center fielder Jackie Mason compiled impressive statistics during the Owls' eight Florida games: .421 batting average, .571 on base average (8 walks), 3 triples, 5 RBI, and 9 stolen bases in 9 attempts.

Box Score

CLERMONT, Fla. – The Westfield State College softball team concluded its southern trip with a 9-1, five-inning victory over the University of Southern Maine on Friday, March 20.

It was the fourth straight victory for the 5-3 Owls. Southern Maine is 0-2.

Westfield had a balanced nine-hit attack as leadoff batter Jackie Mason (Florida, Mass./Drury) was the only Owl with more than one hit. The senior center fielder was 2-for-3 with a triple, two runs scored and an RBI.

Westfield took a 3-0 first inning lead. Kristyn Carroll laced a two-out, run-scoring single and junior left fielder Danielle Lutenegger (Sunderland/Frontier Regional) stroked a two-RBI single.

The Owls also scored three runs in the second frame. Sophomore shortstop Alicia Gardner (Athol) blasted a two-run triple, then scored on a sacrifice fly by senior first baseman Katie Gorman (Feeding Hills/Agawam).

Westfield boosted its lead to 8-0 in the third inning then veteran head coach Lou Ann Simchak began substituting freely. Mason smacked an RBI triple and scored on Lindsay Jardin's sacrifice fly in the two-run third.

Pounding doubles for Westfield were junior catcher Gia Calabrese (West Springfield) and junior reserve shortstop Kim Brennan.

Chelsea Sylvia picked up the pitching victory; she went three and a third innings, striking out four and allowing three hits. Freshman Madeline Tomich (Alford/Everett) fanned three in an inning and two-thirds of relief pitching.

Westfield's next game is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, at Elms College in Chicopee. The Owls' home opener is Friday, March 27, vs. WNEC, and their conference opener is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, when they host Fitchburg State.

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WESTFIELD ATHLETICS

WNEC Handles Westfield, 10-4

Six-Run Uprising In Third Inning Keys Victory

Kim Brennan connects for one of her three hits vs. WNEC. Photo By David Harris-Fried.

Box Score

WESTFIELD – Kate Post (Bridgewater) and Erin Griffin (Lowell) each had two singles and three RB to lead Western New England College to a 10-4 victory over Westfield State College in non-conference softball action on Friday, March 27.

WNEC is now 7-4 while Westfield is 6-4.

The Golden Bears took a 1-0 second-inning lead on an RBI single by Griffin, then crossed the plate six times in the third frame for a commanding 7-0 lead.

WNEC belted five hits in the big inning, but all the runs were unearned as Westfield committed two errors early in the inning. Both Post and Griffin rapped two-run singles.

Westfield scored three runs in the home half of the third, two of them unearned, with the big blow an RBI triple by sophomore Alicia Gardner (Athol).

But WNEC countered with two more unearned runs, including an RBI groundout by Post, on no hits in the fourth for a 9-3 advantage.

The Golden Bears scored their final run in the sixth on a home run to straightaway center field from freshman Sarah Lempicki (Southington, Conn.).

Westfield scored in its final at bat on a triple by Jackie Mason (Florida, Mass.) and Lindsay Jardin's RBI groundout.

Lempicki was 2-for-4 with two runs scored in WNEC's 11-hit attack. Sophomore Mallory Householder (Ellington, Conn.) was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Junior Kim Brennan (Douglas) collected half of Westfield's six hits; she was 3-for-3 with an RBI.

Kerin DeGirolamo fields a grounder insde the third baseline.

WNEC vs Westfield State (Mar 27, 2009)

- Box score (NCAA)
- Play-by-Play

Box score (NCAA)

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                    The Automated ScoreBook
                    WNEC at Westfield State
          Mar 27, 2009 at Westfield, Mass. (Alumni Field)

WNEC 10 (7-4)

Player                  AB  R  H RBI  BB SO PO  A LOB
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Trish Breault 1b.........  5  0  1  1   0  0  8  0   3
Lauren Arsenault cf......  4  1  0  0   1  1  0  0   3
Brittany DeGennaro ss....  4  2  1  0   0  1  2  2   0
Sarah Lempicki p/dh......  4  2  2  1   0  1  0  1   0
Elyse Gauvin c...........  3  2  0  0   1  0 10  0   0
Kate Post 2b.............  4  1  2  3   0  0  0  3   0
Angela Monaco 3b.........  4  1  1  0   0  2  1  1   1
Erin Griffin rf..........  3  1  2  3   1  1  0  0   0
Mallory Householder lf...  3  0  2  1   0  0  0  0   0
Vic Lospinuso dh/p.......  0  0  0  0   0  0  0  1   0
 Laura Bower p...........  0  0  0  0   0  0  0  1   0
Totals................... 34 10 11  9   3  6 21  9   7

Westfield State 4 (6-4)

Player                  AB  R  H RBI  BB SO PO  A LOB
-------------------------------------------------------
Jackie Mason cf..........  3  2  1  0   1  2  0  0   0
Lindsay Jardin rf........  4  0  0  1   0  0  0  0   0
Alicia Gardner ss........  4  1  1  1   0  0  2  3   0
Katie Gorman 1b..........  3  0  0  0   1  2  5  1   0
 Angela Stearns pr.......  0  0  0  0   0  0  0  0   0
Kristyn Carroll 2b.......  3  1  0  0   0  1  4  2   0
Kim Brennan dh...........  3  0  3  1   0  0  0  0   0
Danielle Lutenegger lf...  2  0  1  0   1  0  2  0   1
Gia Calabrese c..........  2  0  0  0   0  1  7  1   0
 Allison Allen ph........  1  0  0  0   0  1  0  0   0
Kerin DeGirolamo 3b......  3  0  0  0   0  1  1  0   5
Casey Riddell p..........  0  0  0  0   0  0  0  1   0
 Madeline Tomich p.......  0  0  0  0   0  0  0  0   0
Totals................... 28  4  6  3   3  8 21  8   6

Score by Innings                   R   H   E
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WNEC................ 016 201 0 - 10 11   1
Westfield State..... 003 000 1 -  4  6   3
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E - Householder; K. DeGirolam; C. Riddell; M. Tomich. LOB - WNEC 7; Westfield 6. 3B - J. Mason; A. Gardner. HR - Lempicki. SH - Householder. SB - Breault; Griffin; Householder. CS - Breault.

WNEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Sarah Lempicki......	3.0	4	3	1	2	4	14	16
Vic Lospinuso.......	2.0	0	0	0	0	2	6	6
Laura Bower.........	2.0	2	1	1	1	2	8	9

Westfield State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Casey Riddell.......	3.0	8	7	1	0	0	18	19
Madeline Tomich.....	4.0	3	3	1	3	6	16	19

Win - Lempicki. Loss - C. Riddell. Save - None.
WP - M. Tomich. PB - G. Calabrese.
Umpires -
Start: 4:00 Time: 1:55 Attendance: 100
Game: WNEWES10

Play-by-Play

The Automated ScoreBook
WNEC at Westfield State - Play-by-Play
Mar 27, 2009 at Westfield, Mass. (Alumni Field)

Score by Innings		R	H	E
WNEC................	016 201 0 -	10	11	1
Westfield State.....	003 000 1 -	4	6	3

WNEC starters: 15/1b Breault; 14/cf Arsenault; 24/ss DeGennaro; 18/p Lempicki; 19/c Gauvin; 16/2b Post; 4/3b Monaco; 1/rf Griffin; 10/lf Householder; 7/dh Lospinuso;
Westfield State starters: 8/cf J. Mason; 13/rf L. Jardin; 1/ss A. Gardner; 22/1b K. Gorman; 5/2b K. Carroll; 6/dh K. Brennan; 18/lf D. Lutenegge; 12/c G. Calabrese; 14/3b K. DeGirolam; 19/p C. Riddell;

WNEC 1st - Breault grounded out to 2b. Arsenault fouled out to lf. DeGennaro grounded out to ss. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 1st - J. Mason struck out looking. L. Jardin grounded out to p, bunt. A. Gardner grounded out to 2b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

WNEC 2nd - Lempicki singled to center field. Gauvin reached on a fielder's choice; Lempicki out at second 2b unassisted. Post singled to center field; Gauvin advanced to second. Monaco reached on a fielder's choice to pitcher; Post advanced to second; Gauvin advanced to third. Griffin singled through the right side, RBI; Monaco advanced to second; Post advanced to third; Gauvin scored. Householder popped up to ss. Breault grounded out to ss. *1 run, 3 hits, 0 errors, 3 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - K. Gorman walked. A. Stearns pinch ran for K. Gorman. K. Carroll struck out looking. K. Brennan singled through the left side; A. Stearns

advanced to second. D. Lutenegge singled through the left side; K. Brennan advanced to second; A. Stearns advanced to third. G. Calabrese struck out swinging. K. DeGirolam reached on a fielder's choice; D. Lutenegge advanced to second; K. Brennan out at third ss to 3b. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 3 LOB.*

WNEC 3rd - K. Gorman to 1b for A. Stearns. Arsenault grounded out to p, bunt. DeGennaro singled up the middle. Lempicki reached on a throwing error by 3b; DeGennaro advanced to second. Gauvin reached on a fielding error by p; Lempicki advanced to second; DeGennaro advanced to third. Post singled up the middle, 2 RBI; Gauvin advanced to second; Lempicki scored, unearned; DeGennaro scored, unearned. Monaco singled to center field; Post; Gauvin advanced to third. Griffin singled up the middle, 2 RBI; Monaco advanced to third; Post scored, unearned; Gauvin scored, unearned. Griffin advanced to second on the throw. Householder out at first ss to 2b, SAC, RBI; Griffin advanced to third; Monaco scored, unearned. Breault singled to right field, RBI; Griffin scored, unearned. Breault out at second c to ss, caught stealing. *6 runs, 5 hits, 2 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - J. Mason walked. L. Jardin popped up to c, bunt. A. Gardner tripled down the rf line, RBI; J. Mason scored. K. Gorman struck out swinging. K. Carroll reached on an error by lf, advanced to second; A. Gardner scored, unearned. K. Brennan singled to right field, RBI; K. Carroll scored, unearned. D. Lutenegge popped up to ss. *3 runs, 2 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

WNEC 4th - M. Tomich to p for C. Riddell. Arsenault walked. DeGennaro reached on a throwing error by p; Arsenault advanced to third on the error. Lempicki struck out swinging. DeGennaro advanced to second on a wild pitch. DeGennaro advanced to third on a passed ball; Arsenault scored on a passed ball, scored on the error, unearned. Gauvin walked. Post out at first 1b to 2b, RBI; Gauvin advanced to second; DeGennaro scored, unearned. Monaco struck out swinging. *2 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - Lempicki to dh. Lospinuso to p. G. Calabrese fouled out to c. K. DeGirolam lined out to ss. J. Mason struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

WNEC 5th - Griffin struck out swinging. Householder singled to shortstop. Breault reached on a fielder's choice; Householder out at second 2b unassisted. Breault stole second. Arsenault flied out to lf. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 5th - L. Jardin grounded out to 2b. A. Gardner grounded out to p. K. Gorman struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

WNEC 6th - DeGennaro struck out looking. Lempicki homered to center field, RBI. Gauvin fouled out to 3b. Post grounded out to 2b. *1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 6th - Bower to p for Lospinuso. K. Carroll grounded out to p. K. Brennan singled up the middle. D. Lutenegge walked; K. Brennan advanced to second. A. Allen pinch hit for G. Calabrese. A. Allen struck out looking. K. DeGirolam struck out swinging. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

WNEC 7th - G. Calabrese to c for A. Allen. Monaco struck out swinging. Griffin walked. Griffin stole second. Householder singled to third base; Griffin advanced to third. Breault fouled out to c. Householder stole second. Arsenault struck out swinging. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 7th - J. Mason tripled to right field. L. Jardin grounded out

to 3b, RBI; J. Mason scored. A. Gardner grounded out to ss. K. Gorman grounded out to 2b. *1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Western Connecticut vs Westfield State (Mar 31, 2009)

- Box score (NCAA)
- Play-by-Play

Box score (NCAA)

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                    The Automated ScoreBook
         Western Connecticut at Westfield State (Game 1)
         Mar 31, 2009 at Westfield, Mass. (Alumni Field)

Western Connecticut 6 (5-8)

Player                    AB  R  H RBI  BB SO PO  A LOB
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Loren Angiolillo ss......  3  1  2  3    1  0  2  2   0
Katelyn Farrell 1b.......  4  1  1  2    0  1  7  0   1
Anna Levesque dh.........  2  0  0  1    0  0  0  0   0
Meg Mammone c............  3  0  0  0    0  0  3  2   0
Amy Hartman 2b...........  3  0  0  0    0  2  2  1   0
Luigina Facchini rf......  3  0  2  0    0  1  1  1   0
Danielle Basciano 3b.....  2  0  1  0    0  0  2  5   1
Rebecca Andruskiwec cf...  3  2  1  0    0  0  2  1   0
Jackie Zilnicki lf.......  3  2  1  0    0  1  2  0   0
Kara Cullinane p.........  0  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
 Meg Dargon p............  0  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
 Brittany Connors p......  0  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
Totals.................. 26  6  8  6    1  5 21 12   2

Westfield State 3 (9-5)

Player                    AB  R  H RBI  BB SO PO  A LOB
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Jackie Mason cf..........  4  2  2  1    0  0  2  0   0
Lindsay Jardin rf........  3  0  1  1    0  0  0  0   1
Kim Brennan dh...........  4  0  2  1    0  0  0  0   0
Katie Gorman 1b..........  3  0  2  0    1  0  7  0   0
 Angela Stearns pr.......  0  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
Alicia Gardner ss........  3  0  2  0    1  0  0  1   1
Allison Allen lf.........  4  0  0  0    0  1  1  0   3
Brianna Isaacs 2b........  3  0  0  0    0  0  2  2   4
Alex Thompson c..........  1  0  0  0    1  0  5  1   0
 Lisa Policelli pr.......  0  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
 Kristyn Carroll ph......  0  1  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
Kerin DeGirolamo 3b......  2  0  1  0    1  0  2  2   0
Chelsea Sylvia p.........  0  0  0  0    0  0  2  2   0
Totals.................. 27  3 10  3    4  1 21  8   9

Score by Innings                 R  H  E
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Western Connecticut. 000 004 2 -  6  8  0
Westfield State..... 100 000 2 -  3 10  3
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E - J. Mason; L. Jardin; K. DeGirolam. DP - WCSUSB 2; WESSB 3. LOB - WCSUSB 2; WESSB 9. 2B - L.Angiolillo. 3B - J. Mason; K. DeGirolam. HBP - K. Carroll. SH - D. Basciano; L. Jardin. SF - A. Levesque. SB - J. Zilnicki; J. Mason. CS - J. Mason.

Western Connecticut	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Kara Cullinane......	4.0	6	1	1	0	0	15	16
Meg Dargon..........	2.0	1	1	1	3	0	6	10
Brittany Connors....	1.0	3	1	1	1	1	6	7

Westfield State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Chelsea Sylvia......	7.0	8	6	3	1	5	26	29

Win - M. Dargon. Loss - C. Sylvia. Save - None.
WP - C. Sylvia 3. HBP - by M. Dargon (K. Carroll). PB - M. Mammone.
Umpires - HP: Bob Veronesi 1B: Gus Chester
Start: 3:00   Time: 1:35   Attendance: 50
M. Dargon faced 1 batter in the 7th.
Game: WCSWES14

Play-by-Play

The Automated ScoreBook
Western Connecticut at Westfield State (Game 1) - Play-by-Play
Mar 31, 2009 at Westfield, Mass. (Alumni Field)

Score by Innings					R	H	E
Western Connecticut.	000	004	2	-	6	8	0
Westfield State.....	100	000	2	-	3	10	3

Western Connecticut starters: 3/ss L.Angiolillo; 21/1b K. Farrell; 8/dh A. Levesque; 30/c M. Mammone; 18/2b A. Hartman; 19/rf L. Facchini; 15/3b D. Basciano; 12/cf Andruskiwec; 7/lf J. Zilnicki; 26/p K. Cullinane;
Westfield State starters: 8/cf J. Mason; 13/rf L. Jardin; 6/dh K. Brennan; 22/1b K. Gorman; 1/ss A. Gardner; 4/lf A. Allen; 7/2b B. Isaacs; 21/c A. Thompson; 14/3b K. DeGirolam; 10/p C. Sylvia;

Western Connecticut 1st - L.Angiolillo walked. K. Farrell struck out looking. A. Levesque popped into double play p to 1b; L.Angiolillo out on the play. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 1st - J. Mason singled up the middle. L. Jardin reached on a fielder's choice, SAC; J. Mason advanced to second. J. Mason stole third. K. Brennan singled up the middle, RBI; L. Jardin advanced to second; J. Mason scored. K. Brennan out on the play; L. Jardin out on double play cf to 3b to 2b. K. Gorman singled through the left side. A. Gardner grounded out to 1b unassisted. *1 run, 3 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Western Connecticut 2nd - M. Mammone grounded out to 2b. A. Hartman struck

out swinging. L. Facchini struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - A. Allen flied out to lf. B. Isaacs fouled out to 1b. A. Thompson grounded out to 3b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Western Connecticut 3rd - D. Basciano singled to center field. Andruskiwec grounded into double play 2b to 1b; D. Basciano out on the play. J. Zilnicki lined out to lf. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - K. DeGirolam tripled to right center. J. Mason reached on a fielder's choice; K. DeGirolam out at home 3b to c. L. Jardin grounded out to 2b; J. Mason advanced to third. J. Mason out at home c to 3b to c, caught stealing. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Western Connecticut 4th - L.Angiolillo grounded out to 3b. K. Farrell popped up to 3b. A. Levesque popped up to 3b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - K. Brennan grounded out to ss. K. Gorman singled to right field. A. Stearns pinch ran for K. Gorman. A. Gardner singled to right center; A. Stearns advanced to second. A. Allen popped up to ss. B. Isaacs lined out to lf. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Western Connecticut 5th - K. Gorman to 1b for A. Stearns. M. Mammone grounded out to p. A. Hartman popped up to 2b. L. Facchini singled down the rf line. L. Facchini advanced to second on a wild pitch. D. Basciano grounded out to ss. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 5th - M. Dargon to p for K. Cullinane. A. Thompson walked. L. Policelli pinch ran for A. Thompson. K. DeGirolam walked; L. Policelli advanced to second. J. Mason flied into double play rf to 3b; L. Policelli out on the play. L. Jardin grounded out to c. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Western Connecticut 6th - A. Thompson to c for L. Policelli. Andruskiwec singled up the middle. Andruskiwec advanced to second on a wild pitch. J. Zilnicki singled to left field; Andruskiwec advanced to third. L.Angiolillo doubled to left center, RBI; J. Zilnicki advanced to third; Andruskiwec scored. K. Farrell singled, 2 RBI, advanced to second on the throw, advanced to third on a throwing error by cf; L.Angiolillo scored; J. Zilnicki scored. A. Levesque flied out to cf, SF, RBI; K. Farrell scored, unearned. M. Mammone flied out to cf. A. Hartman struck out swinging. *4 runs, 4 hits, 1 error, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 6th - K. Brennan grounded out to ss. K. Gorman walked. A. Gardner singled to left field; K. Gorman advanced to second. A. Allen reached on a fielder's choice; A. Gardner advanced to second; K. Gorman out at second 3b to 2b. B. Isaacs flied out to cf. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Western Connecticut 7th - L. Facchini singled to right center. D. Basciano reached on a throwing error by 3b, advanced to second, SAC; L. Facchini advanced to third. Andruskiwec reached on a fielder's choice; D. Basciano out on the play; L. Facchini out on double play 3b to c to p. Andruskiwec advanced to second. J. Zilnicki struck out swinging, reached first on a wild pitch; Andruskiwec advanced to third on a wild pitch. J. Zilnicki stole second. L.Angiolillo singled, 2 RBI, advanced to third on a fielding error by rf; J. Zilnicki scored, unearned; Andruskiwec scored, unearned. K. Farrell grounded out to 1b unassisted. *2 runs, 2 hits, 2 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 7th - K. Carroll pinch hit for A. Thompson. K. Carroll hit by

pitch. B. Connors to p for M. Dargon. K. DeGirolam popped up to ss. J. Mason tripled to right center, RBI; K. Carroll scored. L. Jardin singled through the right side, RBI; J. Mason scored. K. Brennan singled to left field; L. Jardin advanced to second. K. Gorman flied out to cf. L. Jardin advanced to third on a passed ball. A. Gardner walked; K. Brennan advanced to second. A. Allen struck out swinging. *2 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 3 LOB.*

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Western Conn. Sweeps Westfield

Westfield freshman second baseman Brianna Isaacs tags out Western Connecticut's Danielle Basciano before throwing the ball to first base to complete a double play. Photo By Tom Moriarty.

Game One Box Score

Game Two Box Score

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Senior leadoff batter Loren Angiolillo (Wolcott, Conn.) was 4-for-6 with two doubles, four RBI and three runs scored to lead Western Connecticut State University to a 6-3, 4-3 softball sweep of Westfield State on Tuesday, March 31.

The Colonials improve to 6-8 overall following non-conference twinbill; Westfield is 9-6.

In the opener, Westfield led 1-0 when Western Conn. broke loose for four runs on four hits in the sixth inning. Angiolillo rapped an RBI single in the key uprising and Katelyn Farrell (Stamford, Conn.) delivered a two-run single.

The Colonials increased their lead to 6-1 on a two-run single by Angiolillo in the seventh inning.

Westfield rallied in its last at bat for two runs on an RBI triple by Jackie Mason (Florida, Mass.) and a runscoring single by Lindsay Jardin (Assonet, Mass.). But the Colonials survived the comeback bid when Allison Allen struck out swinging with bases loaded to end the game.

The Owls out-hit the visitors, 10-8. Mason, Katie Gorman (Feeding Hills), Kim Brennan (Douglas) and Alicia Gardner (Athol) each had two hits for the Owls.

Chelsea Sylvia (South Dartmouth, Mass.) was the losing pitcher. She allowed eight hits (six in the last two innings), three earned runs and struck out five.

Freshman Meg Dargon (Trumbull, Conn.), the second of three Western Conn. pitchers, was credited with the mound win.

In the second game, Western Conn. knocked Westfield starting pitcher Casey Riddell (Athol, Mass.) out of the game, collecting 11 hits in three and two-thirds innings to take a 4-0 lead.

Western Conn. scored a run in the first frame and three in the fourth, including an RBI double by Angiolillo.

The Owls received a solid relief pitching performance from freshman Madeline Tomich (Alford, Mass.), who allowed three hits and no runs over the final three and a third innings.

Westfield rallied for two runs in the fifth inning on an RBI single by Brennan and an RBI double off the left field fence by Kristyn

Carroll (Brockton). But with runners and second and third and two outs, Western Conn. got out the jam when Angiolillo made an over-the-shoulder catch from her shortstop position in shallow left field.

Westfield scored a run in the seventh. Brennan belted a one-out double and scored on a two-out bloop single to left field by Carroll. But Carroll was thrown out trying to stretch the hit into a double to end the game.

Western Conn. out-hit Westfield, 14-8. Every player hit safely for the Colonials. Jackie Zilnicki (Riverhead, N.Y.), the No. 9 hitter, was 3-for-3 with an RBI double. Angiolillo was 2-for-3 with two runs scored, a double and an RBI.

Brennan was 3-for-4 with two runs scored. Mason and Carroll were both 2-for-4.

Brittany Connors (Waterford, Conn.) went the distance for the pitching victory. She walked three and struck out three.

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Allison Allen reaches hauls in a flyball in right field. Photo By Tom Moriarty.

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Westfield St vs Worcester State (Apr 05, 2009)

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Box score (NCAA)

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                 Westfield St at Worcester State
          Apr 05, 2009 at Worcester, MA (Rockwood Park)

Westfield St 8 (11-7,3-0 MASCAC)

Player                     AB  R  H RBI  BB  SO  PO  A LOB
-------------------------------------------------------
Kristyn Carroll 2b.......   4  1  0  0    0  1   1  1   0
Lindsay Jardin rf........   4  1  0  0    0  0   0  0   5
Kim Brennan dh...........   4  2  3  3    0  0   0  0   0
Katie Gorman 1b..........   4  1  1  0    0  0   3  0   1
Alicia Gardner ss........   3  1  2  2    0  0   1  0   1
Allison Allen cf.........   3  1  1  0    0  1   0  0   1
Danielle Lutenegger lf...   3  0  2  1    0  0   0  0   0
Gia Calabrese c..........   3  0  2  1    0  0   9  0   0
 Angela Stearns pr.......   0  0  0  0    0  0   0  0   0
Kerin DeGirolamo 3b......   3  1  1  0    0  0   1  0   0
Chelsea Sylvia p.........   0  0  0  0    0  0   0  1   0
Totals................... 31  8 12  7    0  2  15  2   8

Worcester State 0 (3-9-1,0-1 MASCAC)

Player                     AB  R  H RBI  BB  SO  PO  A LOB
-------------------------------------------------------
Howe cf..................   3  0  0  0    0  3   0  0   3
Loomer 2b................   1  0  0  0    1  1   0  1   0
Crossman 3b..............   2  0  0  0    0  0   0  3   0
Kelly dh.................   2  0  0  0    0  1   0  0   1
Mahoney 1b...............   2  0  0  0    0  1   5  0   0
Nye c....................   2  0  0  0    0  1   5  0   0
Clark ss.................   1  0  0  0    1  1   1  1   0
Feeley lf................   2  0  0  0    0  1   3  0   0
Besozzi rf...............   1  0  0  0    1  0   1  0   0
Rumrill p................   0  0  0  0    0  0   0  0   0
 Figella p...............   0  0  0  0    0  0   0  1   0
Totals................... 16  0  0  0    3  9  15  6   4

Score by Innings                 R  H  E
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Westfield St........ 100 07 -  8 12  1
Worcester State..... 000 00 -  0  0  3
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E - A. Gardner(4); Crossman(2); Clark(3); Feeley(2). LOB - Westfield St 8;
Worcester St 4. 2B - K. Brennan 3(6); A. Gardner 2(3). SB - A. Allen(2); D.
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Lutenegge(1); G. Calabrese(1).

Westfield St	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Chelsea Sylvia......	5.0	0	0	0	3	9	16	19

Worcester State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Rumrill............	4.0	11	7	6	0	2	26	26
Figella............	1.0	1	1	1	0	0	5	5

Win - C. Sylvia (8-2). Loss - Rumrill (0-3). Save - None.
WP - Figella(1). PB - Nye(8).
Umpires -
Start: 12:45 PM Time: 1:20 Attendance: 100
Rumrill faced 6 batters in the 5th.
Game: WESWOR18

Play-by-Play

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Westfield St at Worcester State - Play-by-Play
Apr 05, 2009 at Worcester, MA (Rockwood Park)

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Westfield St........	100 07 -	8	12	1
Worcester State.....	000 00 -	0	0	3

Westfield St starters: 5/2b K. Carroll; 13/rf L. Jardin; 6/dh K. Brennan; 22/1b K. Gorman; 1/ss A. Gardner; 4/cf A. Allen; 18/lf D. Lutenegge; 12/c G. Calabrese; 14/3b K. DeGirolam; 10/p C. Sylvia;
Worcester State starters: 6/cf Howe; 10/2b Loomer; 28/3b Crossman; 15/dh Kelly; 22/1b Mahoney; 18/c Nye; 17/ss Clark; 14/lf Feeley; 8/rf Besozzi; 5/p Rumrill;

Westfield St 1st - K. Carroll struck out looking. L. Jardin grounded out to 3b, bunt. K. Brennan doubled to center field. K. Gorman reached on a fielding error by lf; K. Brennan advanced to third, scored on the error, unearned. A. Gardner grounded out to 1b unassisted. *1 run, 1 hit, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Worcester State 1st - Howe struck out swinging. Loomer walked. Crossman grounded out to p; Loomer advanced to second. Kelly struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield St 2nd - A. Allen struck out looking. D. Lutenegge singled through the left side. G. Calabrese fouled out to c. K. DeGirolam singled down the lf line; D. Lutenegge advanced to second. K. Carroll reached on a fielding error by 3b; K. DeGirolam advanced to second; D. Lutenegge advanced to third. L. Jardin popped up to ss. *0 runs, 2 hits, 1 error, 3 LOB.*

Worcester State 2nd - Mahoney struck out looking. Nye struck out swinging. Clark struck out looking. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield St 3rd - K. Brennan grounded out to 3b. K. Gorman grounded out to ss. A. Gardner doubled to right field. A. Gardner advanced to third on a passed ball. A. Allen flied out to lf. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Worcester State 3rd - Feeley popped up to ss. Besozzi grounded out to 2b. Howe struck out looking. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield St 4th - D. Lutenegge flied out to lf. G. Calabrese singled to left field. A. Stearns pinch ran for G. Calabrese. K. DeGirolam flied out to lf. K. Carroll reached on a fielding error by ss, advanced to second; A. Stearns advanced to second, advanced to third on the error. L. Jardin grounded out to 2b. *0 runs, 1 hit, 1 error, 2 LOB.*

Worcester State 4th - G. Calabrese to c for A. Stearns. Loomer struck out swinging. Crossman popped up to 3b. Kelly grounded out to 1b unassisted. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield St 5th - K. Brennan doubled to right center. K. Gorman singled to left field, advanced to second; K. Brennan advanced to third. A. Gardner doubled to right field, 2 RBI; K. Gorman scored; K. Brennan scored. A. Allen singled to pitcher; A. Gardner advanced to third. A. Allen stole second. D. Lutenegge singled through the left side, RBI; A. Allen advanced to third; A. Gardner scored. D. Lutenegge stole second. G. Calabrese singled to left field, RBI; D. Lutenegge advanced to third; A. Allen scored. Figella to p for Rumrill. G. Calabrese stole second. K. DeGirolam reached on a fielder's choice to third base. K. Carroll reached on a fielder's choice; K. DeGirolam advanced to second; G. Calabrese advanced to third; D. Lutenegge out at home 3b to c. L. Jardin reached on a fielder's choice; K. Carroll advanced to second; K. DeGirolam advanced to third; G. Calabrese out at home p to c. K. Brennan doubled up the middle, 3 RBI; L. Jardin scored; K. Carroll scored; K. DeGirolam scored. K. Brennan advanced to third on a wild pitch. K. Gorman flied out to rf. *7 runs, 7 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Worcester State 5th - Mahoney reached on a dropped fly by ss. Nye popped up to 2b. Clark walked; Mahoney advanced to second. Feeley struck out swinging. Besozzi walked; Clark advanced to second; Mahoney advanced to third. Howe struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 3 LOB.*

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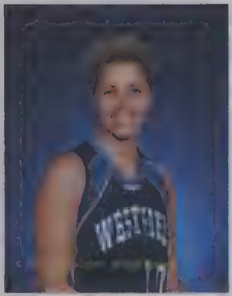
Westfield Sweeps Worcester State

Sylvia Throws Five-Inning No-Hitter In 8-0 Victory



Chelsea Sylvia pitched a five-inning no-hitter.

Game One Box Score

Game Two Box Score

WORCESTER - The Westfield State College softball team swept a doubleheader, 8-0 and 3-1, from Worcester State College on Sunday, April 5. The Owls are 4-0 in the conference and upped their overall record to 12-7.

Westfield won the opener backed by a five-inning no-hitter from senior Chelsea Sylvia, who walked three and struck out nine. The Owls broke open the game with a seven-run outburst in the fifth frame.

Westfield ripped 12 hits. Kim Brennan was 3 for 4 with three RBI and three doubles. Alicia Gardner was 2 for 3 with two RB and two doubles. Danielle Lutenegger and Gia Calabrese were both 2 for 3 with an RBI.

In the second game, Westfield was out-hit 8-2 but received a solid pitching performance from freshman Madelaine Tomich, who struck out nine and walked one in seven innings.

Westfield scrapped for a run in the second and two in the fifth. Worcester mounted a two-out rally to score a run in the bottom of the sixth, but Tomich got out of a bases-loaded jam with a groundout.

Worcester's pitcher struck out 10 in her two-hit complete-game effort, but she issued a walk and hit three batters. She allowed two unearned runs as the Lancers committed three errors.

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Smith vs Westfield State (Apr 07, 2009)

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Box score (NCAA)

2008 Westfield State Softball
Smith at Westfield State
Apr 07, 2009 at Westfield, Mass. (Alumni Field)

Smith 0 (4-15)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Kiefer 3b...............	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0
Robitzek cf.............	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Hiltzik p...............	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
Quinn lf................	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Goodman c...............	3	0	0	0	0	2	7	0	0
Paull 1b................	3	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	0
Stulberg pr............	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fryer ss................	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Durkin rf...............	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2
Martinez 2b.............	3	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0
Totals..................	27	0	6	0	2	7	18	3	8

Westfield State 2 (13-7)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Jackie Mason cf.........	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alicia Gardner ss........	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0
Kim Brennan dh..........	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Katie Gorman 1b.........	3	0	1	1	0	1	8	0	1
Kristyn Carroll 2b.......	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	3
Brianna Isaacs 2b.......	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Allison Allen rf.........	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Lisa Policelli rf.......	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Danielle Lutenegger lf...	3	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Gia Calabrese c.........	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
Kerin DeGirolamo 3b......	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Chelsea Sylvia p.........	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Madeline Tomich p.......	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals..................	23	2	6	2	1	6	21	9	5

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Smith...............	000 000 0 -	0	6	1
Westfield State.....	110 000 X -	2	6	0

E - Goodman. LOB - SMI 8; Westfield 5. 2B - Paull; D. Lutenegge. HR - D.

Lutenegge. SH - A. Gardner. SB - Kiefer; Martinez 2; J. Mason; A. Gardner.

Smith	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Hiltzik............	6.0	6	2	2	1	6	23	25

Westfield State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Chelsea Sylvia......	4.0	2	0	0	1	4	14	15
Madeline Tomich.....	3.0	4	0	0	1	3	13	14

Win - C. Sylvia. Loss - Hiltzik. Save - M. Tomich .
Umpires -
Start: 4:30 Time: 1:20 Attendance: 25
Game: SMIWES20

Play-by-Play

2008 Westfield State Softball
Smith at Westfield State - Play-by-Play
Apr 07, 2009 at Westfield, Mass. (Alumni Field)

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Smith..............	000 000 0 -	0	6	1
Westfield State.....	110 000 X -	2	6	0

Smith starters: 2/3b Kiefer; 9/cf Robitzek; 13/p Hiltzik; 3/1f Quinn; 10/c Goodman; 30/1b Paull; 7/ss Fryer; 8/rf Durkin; 12/2b Martinez;
Westfield State starters: 8/cf J. Mason; 1/ss A. Gardner; 6/dh K. Brennan; 22/1b K. Gorman; 5/2b K. Carroll; 4/rf A. Allen; 18/1f D. Lutenegge; 12/c G. Calabrese; 14/3b K. DeGirolam; 10/p C. Sylvia;

Smith 1st - Kiefer struck out swinging. Robitzek struck out swinging. Hiltzik lined out to 2b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 1st - J. Mason singled up the middle. A. Gardner grounded out to 3b, SAC; J. Mason advanced to third. K. Brennan popped up to 2b. K. Gorman singled through the left side, RBI; J. Mason scored. K. Carroll struck out swinging. *1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Smith 2nd - Quinn singled to left field. Goodman struck out looking. Paull struck out looking. Fryer flied out to lf. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - A. Allen fouled out to c. D. Lutenegge homered to left field, RBI. G. Calabrese grounded out to p. K. DeGirolam struck out looking. *1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Smith 3rd - Durkin grounded out to 2b. Martinez singled to third base, bunt. Martinez stole second. Kiefer walked. Kiefer stole second; Martinez stole third. Robitzek popped up to ss. Hiltzik lined out to 2b. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - J. Mason singled to right field. A. Gardner walked; J. Mason advanced to second. A. Gardner stole second; J. Mason stole third. K. Brennan popped up to 2b. K. Gorman popped up to 1b. K. Carroll struck out looking. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Smith 4th - Quinn grounded out to 3b. Goodman grounded out to 2b. Paull grounded out to p. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - A. Allen popped up to 2b. D. Lutenegge doubled to center field. G. Calabrese grounded out to p; D. Lutenegge advanced to third. K. DeGirolam flied out to rf. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Smith 5th - B. Isaacs to 2b for K. Carroll. M. Tomich to p for C. Sylvia. Fryer singled to center field. Durkin singled to first base; Fryer advanced to second. Martinez struck out looking. Kiefer singled through the left side; Durkin advanced to second; Fryer advanced to third. Robitzek struck out swinging. Hiltzik grounded out to 2b. *0 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 3 LOB.*

Westfield State 5th - J. Mason flied out to rf. A. Gardner singled to center field. K. Brennan struck out looking. A. Gardner advanced to second on a throwing error by c, failed pickoff attempt. K. Gorman struck out looking. *0 runs, 1 hit, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Smith 6th - Quinn out at first p to 2b. Goodman struck out looking. Paull doubled down the lf line. Stulberg pinch ran for Paull. Fryer walked. Durkin grounded out to 2b. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 6th - Paull to 1b for Stulberg. B. Isaacs popped up to ss. A. Allen struck out looking. D. Lutenegge popped up to 3b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Smith 7th - L. Policelli to rf for A. Allen. Martinez grounded out to ss. Kiefer popped up to 2b. Robitzek grounded out to ss. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Softball Shuts Out Smith, 2-0

Danielle Lutenegger is greeted at home plate after slugging a second-inning solo home run.

Box Score

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Junior left fielder Danielle Lutenegger (Sunderland/Frontier Regional) slugged a home run and a double to power Westfield State to a 2-0 victory over Smith College in non-conference softball action on Tuesday, April 7.

Westfield, which received solid pitching from senior Chelsea Sylvia (South Darmouth) and freshman Madeline Tomich (Alford) improved its record to 13-7 heading into Wednesday's doubleheader at Amherst College. Smith drops to 4-15.

Lutenegger gave the Owls a 2-0 lead when she slugged a solo homer over the left field fence in the second inning. In the fourth inning, she cracked a double off the center field fence.

The Owls took a 1-0 first-inning lead. Jackie Mason (Florida, Mass./Drury) led off with a single and scampered the whole way to third base on a sacrifice hit by Alicia Gardner (Athol). Katie Gorman (Feeding Hills) then hit a two-out bloop single over the third baseman to drive home Mason.

The Owls had runners on second and third with no outs in the third inning but didn't score. They also stranded Lutenegger at third base in the fourth.

Smith had two major scoring threats. The Pioneers had runners at second and third with one out in the third inning, and the bases loaded with one out in the fifth.

Both teams collected six hits. Mason and Lutenegger were 2-for-3. No player had more than a hit for Smith; pounding a two-out sixth-inning double was Jessie Paull.

Sylvia was credited with the mound win. She struck out four in four innings and allowed two hits. Tomich earned the save; she fanned three.

Senior Emily Hiltzik pitched a fine game for Smith. Keeping the Owls off balance with her changeup, she struck out six and walked one.

Danielle Lutenegger connects for a second-inning solo home run.

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Owls Gain Split With Rams

DeGirolamo Delivers Game-Winning Hit In Opener

Lisa Policelli slides home safely with the game-tying run in the seventh inning of the first game.

Game One Box Score

Game Two Box Score

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Westfield State and Framingham State split a doubleheader in key Mass. State Conference action on Saturday, April 20.

The Owls rallied to win the opener, scoring two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning for a 4-3 victory. Westfield's comeback fell short in the second game as Framingham pulled out an 8-6 extra-inning victory on Katie Donovan's two-run homer in the ninth.

Westfield is 18-12 overall and 8-2 in the conference. Framingham is 5-3 in the conference and 8-24 overall.

Trailing 2-0 in the opener, Framingham scored two unearned runs in the sixth and another unearned run in the seventh to take a 3-2 lead.

In the home half of the seventh, Katie Gorman reached on a fielding error and Alicia Gardner walked. Kristyn Carroll grounded out to shortstop, advancing both runners. Danielle Lutenegger then hit a grounder to third base and pinch runner Lisa Policelli got a good jump and slide home safely to tie the score. Freshman Kerin DeGirolamo then delivered the game-winning hit, a two-out RBI single up the middle.

Westfield was out-hit 11-4 and Framingham stranded 12 base runners. Every player hit safely for the Rams, with Christy Ulak and Alyssa Shea each collecting two hits. DeGirolamo had two hits for Westfield.

In the second game, Westfield led 3-2 after five innings on two home runs by Gorman. The Agawam High School product cracked a two-run homer in the first and lined a solo shot over the centerfield fence in the fourth.

Framingham took a 6-3 lead with a four-run sixth inning. The Rams only had two hits in the inning, including a solo homer by Ulak, but the Owls committed two costly errors.

Westfield battled back to send the game into extra innings. The Owls scored a run in the sixth on a Lutenegger sacrifice fly. They scored two runs in the seventh. Jackie Mason singled and moved to third on a single by Lindsay Jardin. A double steal brought home Mason to make it 6-5. Kristyn Carroll then blooped a two-out single to center field to tie the game.

Westfield out-hit Framingham, 13-10. Mason and Jardin were both 3 for 4, while Gorman was 2 for 3 with her two homers and three RBI.

Katelyn Pacheco was 3 for 5 for the Rams and Donovan was 2 for 5 with her game-winning two-run homer in the ninth.

Westfield State seniors, left to right: Casey Riddell, Jackie Mason, Chelsea Sylvia, Lindsay Jardin and Katie Gorman were honored during Senior Day.

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SIDEARM SPORTS

Framingham State vs Westfield State (Apr 18, 2009)

- Box score (NCAA)
- Play-by-Play

Box score (NCAA)

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                   The Automated ScoreBook
         Framingham State at Westfield State (Game 1)
        Apr 18, 2009 at Westfield, Mass. (Alumni Field)

Framingham State 3 (7-24,4-3)

Player                    AB  R  H RBI BB SO PO  A LOB
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Christy Ulak ss.........   4  0  2  1   0  1  2  6  0
Colleen Clancy 3b.......   4  0  1  0   0  1  0  2  0
Andrea DiTerlizzi lf....   4  0  1  1   0  0  1  0  1
Katie Donovan c.........   4  0  1  0   0  1  1  1  4
Katelyn Pacheco 2b......   4  0  1  0   0  1  0  1  3
Alyssa Shea rf..........   3  0  2  0   0  1  0  0  0
Sarah Douillette cf.....   3  2  1  0   1  1  3  0  0
Kelsey Curley dh........   4  1  1  0   0  1  0  0  3
Elizabeth Ranton 1b.....   4  0  1  0   0  0 13  0  1
Alysia Morrissette p....   0  0  0  0   0  0  0  2  0
Totals.................. 34  3 11  2   1  7 20 12  12

Westfield State 4 (18-11,8-1)

Player                    AB  R  H RBI BB SO PO  A LOB
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Jackie Mason cf.........   3  1  1  0   0  0  2  1  0
Lindsay Jardin rf.......   1  0  0  0   0  0  0  0  0
Kim Brennan ss..........   3  0  0  0   0  0  2  3  1
Katie Gorman 1b.........   3  0  0  0   0  0  4  1  0
 Lisa Policelli pr......   0  1  0  0   0  0  0  0  0
Alicia Gardner dh.......   2  2  1  0   1  1  0  0  0
Kristyn Carroll 2b......   3  0  0  0   0  0  2  0  0
Danielle Lutenegger lf...  3  0  0  1   0  0  1  0  0
Gia Calabrese c.........   3  0  0  0   0  0  9  1  0
Kerin DeGirolamo 3b.....   3  0  2  1   0  0  1  1  0
Chelsea Sylvia p........   0  0  0  0   0  0  0  1  0
Totals.................. 24  4  4  2   1  1 21  8  3

Score by Innings                 R  H  E
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Framingham State.... 000 002 1 -  3 11  3
Westfield State..... 100 010 2 -  4  4  6
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Note: 2 outs, 2 runners LOB when the game ended.

E - Ulak 2; DiTerlizzi; K. Brennan 2; K. Carroll; G. Calabrese 2; K.
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DeGirolam. LOB - FRASB 12; WESSB 3. 2B - Donovan. 3B - A. Gardner. SH - Shea; L. Jardin 2. SB - DiTerlizzi.

Framingham State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Alysia Morrissette..	6.2	4	4	2	1	1	24	27

Westfield State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Chelsea Sylvia......	7.0	11	3	0	1	7	34	36

Win - C. Sylvia (12-4). Loss - Morrissette (2-14). Save - None.
WP - Morrissette.
Umpires -
Start: 12:00 Time: 1:15 Attendance: 150
Game: FRAWES29

Play-by-Play

The Automated ScoreBook
Framingham State at Westfield State (Game 1) - Play-by-Play
Apr 18, 2009 at Westfield, Mass. (Alumni Field)

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Framingham State....	000 002 1 -	3	11	3
Westfield State.....	100 010 2 -	4	4	6

Framingham State starters: 20/ss Ulak; 12/3b Clancy; 11/lf DiTerlizzi; 4/c Donovan; 8/2b Pacheco; 5/rf Shea; 15/cf Douillette; 2/dh Curley; 18/1b Ranton; 10/p Morrissette;
Westfield State starters: 8/cf J. Mason; 13/rf L. Jardin; 6/ss K. Brennan; 22/1b K. Gorman; 1/dh A. Gardner; 5/2b K. Carroll; 18/lf D. Lutenegge; 12/c G. Calabrese; 14/3b K. DeGirolam; 10/p C. Sylvia;

Framingham State 1st - Ulak grounded out to ss. Clancy struck out swinging. DiTerlizzi reached on an error by 2b, assist by 1b. DiTerlizzi stole second. Donovan struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 1st - J. Mason singled to left field, advanced to second on a fielding error by lf. L. Jardin grounded out to 3b, SAC; J. Mason advanced to third. J. Mason scored on a wild pitch. K. Brennan flied out to lf. K. Gorman flied out to cf. *1 run, 1 hit, 1 error, 0 LOB.*

Framingham State 2nd - Pacheco singled up the middle. Shea out at first 3b to 2b, SAC; Pacheco advanced to second. Douillette struck out looking. Curley struck out swinging. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - A. Gardner struck out looking. K. Carroll grounded out to ss. D. Lutenegge grounded out to ss. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Framingham State 3rd - Ranton flied out to cf. Ulak struck out, out at first c to 1b. Clancy reached on a fielding error by 3b. DiTerlizzi grounded out to ss.

0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.

Westfield State 3rd - G. Calabrese grounded out to ss. K. DeGirolam grounded out to 3b. J. Mason grounded out to p. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Framingham State 4th - Donovan doubled to right center. Pacheco popped up to ss. Shea singled to center field; Donovan advanced to third. Douillette reached on a fielder's choice, bunt; Shea advanced to second; Donovan out at home p to c. Curley grounded out to ss. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - L. Jardin lined out to cf. K. Brennan grounded out to 2b. K. Gorman lined out to ss. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Framingham State 5th - Ranton singled to center field. Ulak singled, bunt; Ranton advanced to second. Clancy singled to first base, bunt; Ulak advanced to second; Ranton advanced to third. DiTerlizzi popped up to 2b. Donovan fouled out to c. Dropped foul ball, E2. Pacheco struck out swinging. *0 runs, 3 hits, 1 error, 3 LOB.*

Westfield State 5th - A. Gardner tripled to center field, scored on a throwing error by ss. K. Carroll flied out to cf. D. Lutenegge grounded out to ss. G. Calabrese grounded out to p. *1 run, 1 hit, 1 error, 0 LOB.*

Framingham State 6th - Shea singled to pitcher. Douillette singled to second base, bunt; Shea advanced to second. Curley singled to center field, advanced to second on the throw; Douillette advanced to third; Shea advanced to third, out at home cf to c. Ranton reached on a fielding error by ss. Dropped foul ball, E2. Ulak singled through the left side, RBI; Ranton advanced to second; Curley advanced to third; Douillette scored, unearned. Clancy fouled out to 3b. DiTerlizzi singled to shortstop, RBI; Ulak advanced to second; Ranton advanced to third; Curley scored, unearned. Donovan popped up to ss. *2 runs, 5 hits, 2 errors, 3 LOB.*

Westfield State 6th - K. DeGirolam singled through the right side. J. Mason fouled out to 1b, bunt. L. Jardin grounded out to c, SAC; K. DeGirolam advanced to second. K. Brennan grounded out to ss. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Framingham State 7th - Pacheco flied out to cf. Shea struck out swinging. Douillette walked. Curley reached on a throwing error by ss, advanced to third; Douillette scored on the error, unearned. Ranton flied out to lf. *1 run, 0 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 7th - K. Gorman reached on a fielding error by ss. L. Policelli pinch ran for K. Gorman. A. Gardner walked; L. Policelli advanced to second. K. Carroll grounded out to ss; A. Gardner advanced to second; L. Policelli advanced to third. D. Lutenegge reached on a fielder's choice to third base, RBI; A. Gardner advanced to third; L. Policelli scored, unearned. D. Lutenegge advanced to second. G. Calabrese popped up to ss. K. DeGirolam singled up the middle, RBI; D. Lutenegge advanced to third; A. Gardner scored, unearned. *2 runs, 1 hit, 1 error, 2 LOB.*

Framingham State vs Westfield State (Apr 18, 2009)

- Box score (NCAA)
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Box score (NCAA)

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                    The Automated ScoreBook
         Framingham State at Westfield State (Game 2)
       Apr 18, 2009 at Westfield, Mass. (Alumni Field)

Framingham State 8 (8-24,5-3)

Player                    AB  R  H RBI BB SO PO  A LOB
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Christy Ulak ss.........   5  1  1  1   0  1  2  1   0
Colleen Clancy 3b.......   4  1  1  1   1  0  0  5   0
Andrea DiTerlizzi lf/p...  5  1  2  0   0  2  1  0   2
Katie Donovan dh........   5  1  2  2   0  0  0  0   0
Katelyn Pacheco p/rf.....  5  0  3  0   0  0  1  2   0
 Angela DiSanto pr.......  0  1  0  0   0  0  0  0   0
Alyssa Shea rf..........   2  0  0  0   0  0  0  0   2
 Kasey Phipps rf/lf......  1  0  0  0   0  0  0  0   0
Sarah Douillette cf......  2  1  0  0   1  1  3  0   1
 Kelly Reardon ph........  1  0  0  0   0  0  0  0   2
Kelsey Curley 2b.........  4  1  0  0   0  0  0  3   0
Elizabeth Ranton 1b......  4  1  1  1   0  2 12  0   0
Rachel Timmons c.........  0  0  0  0   0  0  8  0   0
Totals..................  38  8 10  5   2  6 27 11   7

Westfield State 6 (18-12,8-2)

Player                    AB  R  H RBI BB SO PO  A LOB
-------------------------------------------------------
Jackie Mason cf.........   4  2  3  0   1  0  1  0   0
Lindsay Jardin rf........  4  1  3  0   0  0  0  0   1
Kim Brennan dh..........   5  0  0  0   0  3  0  0   3
Katie Gorman 1b.........   3  2  2  3   2  0 12  0   0
 Angela Stearns pr.......  0  1  0  0   0  0  0  0   0
Alicia Gardner ss........  5  0  2  0   0  2  2  1   0
Kristyn Carroll 2b.......  5  0  2  1   0  0  2  1   0
Danielle Lutenegger lf...  4  0  1  1   0  0  2  0   2
 Lisa Policelli pr.......  0  0  0  0   0  0  0  0   0
Gia Calabrese c.........   4  0  0  0   0  1  6  0   2
 Allison Allen ph........  1  0  0  0   0  0  0  0   0
Kerin DeGirolamo 3b......  4  0  0  0   0  1  2  8   3
Madeline Tomich p........  0  0  0  0   0  0  0  4   0
 Casey Riddell p.........  0  0  0  0   0  0  0  0   0
Totals..................  39  6 13  5   3  7 27 14  11

Score by Innings                     R  H  E
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Framingham State.... 110 004 002 -   8 10  1
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Westfield State..... 200 101 200 -  6 13  6
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E - Ranton; K. Gorman 2; A. Gardner 2; D. Lutenegge; M. Tomich. DP -
Westfield 1. LOB - FRASB 7; Westfield 11. 2B - DiTerlizzi. HR - Ulak;
Donovan; K. Gorman 2. SH - Phipps 2; L. Jardin. SF - D. Lutenegge. SB -
Ranton; J. Mason; L. Jardin; A. Gardner.

Framingham State       IP  H  R ER BB SO AB BF
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Katelyn Pacheco..... 6.0  6  4  4  2  5 23 27
Andrea DiTerlizzi... 3.0  7  2  2  1  2 16 17

Westfield State        IP  H  R ER BB SO AB BF
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Madeline Tomich..... 8.1  9  8  2  2  6 36 40
Casey Riddell....... 0.2  1  0  0  0  0  2  2

Win - DiTerlizzi (3-0).  Loss - M. Tomich (4-4).  Save - None.
WP - M. Tomich 3. PB - Timmons.
Umpires -
Start: 2:00   Time: 1:30   Attendance: 100
Game: FRAWES31
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Play-by-Play

The Automated ScoreBook
Framingham State at Westfield State (Game 2) - Play-by-Play
Apr 18, 2009 at Westfield, Mass. (Alumni Field)

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Score by Innings                     R  H  E
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Framingham State.... 110 004 002 -  8 10  1
Westfield State..... 200 101 200 -  6 13  6
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Framingham State starters: 20/ss Ulak; 12/3b Clancy; 11/lf DiTerlizzi; 4/dh Donovan; 8/p Pacheco; 5/rf Shea; 15/cf Douillette; 2/2b Curley; 18/1b Ranton; 17/c Timmons;
Westfield State starters: 8/cf J. Mason; 13/rf L. Jardin; 6/dh K. Brennan; 22/1b K. Gorman; 1/ss A. Gardner; 5/2b K. Carroll; 18/lf D. Lutenegge; 12/c G. Calabrese; 14/3b K. DeGirolam; 3/p M. Tomich;

Framingham State 1st - Ulak struck out swinging. Clancy walked. Clancy advanced to second on a wild pitch. Dropped foul ball, E6. DiTerlizzi struck out swinging. Donovan reached on an error by ss; Clancy advanced to third. Pacheco reached on an error by 1b; Donovan advanced to second; Clancy scored, unearned. Shea popped up to 1b. *1 run, 0 hits, 3 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 1st - J. Mason walked. J. Mason advanced to second on a passed ball. L. Jardin grounded out to p, SAC; J. Mason advanced to third. K. Brennan struck out swinging. K. Gorman homered to left field, 2 RBI; J. Mason scored. A. Gardner struck out swinging. *2 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Framingham State 2nd - Douillette struck out swinging. Curley grounded out to

3b. Ranton singled to center field. Ranton stole second. Ulak reached on a throwing error by p; Ranton advanced to third. Clancy singled to shortstop, RBI; Ulak advanced to second; Ranton scored, unearned. DiTerlizzi popped up to 3b. *1 run, 2 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - K. Carroll popped up to c. D. Lutenegge grounded out to 3b. G. Calabrese struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Framingham State 3rd - Donovan flied out to lf. Pacheco singled to center field. Shea popped up to ss. Douillette grounded out to p. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - Phipps to rf for Shea. K. DeGirolam struck out swinging. J. Mason flied out to cf. L. Jardin singled to pitcher. K. Brennan struck out swinging. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Framingham State 4th - Curley grounded out to 3b. Ranton struck out swinging. Ulak grounded out to ss. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - K. Gorman homered to center field, RBI. A. Gardner grounded out to ss. K. Carroll grounded out to 3b. D. Lutenegge grounded out to 3b. *1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Framingham State 5th - Clancy grounded out to 3b. DiTerlizzi struck out swinging. Donovan grounded out to 3b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 5th - G. Calabrese grounded out to p. K. DeGirolam flied out to lf. J. Mason singled to center field. L. Jardin flied out to cf. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Framingham State 6th - Pacheco singled to left field, advanced to second on a throwing error by lf. DiSanto pinch ran for Pacheco. Phipps out at first 3b to 2b, SAC; DiSanto advanced to third. Douillette walked. DiSanto scored on a wild pitch, unearned. Curley reached on an error by 1b, assist by 2b, advanced to second; Douillette scored, unearned. Curley advanced to third on a wild pitch. Ranton grounded out to p, RBI; Curley scored, unearned. Ulak homered, RBI, unearned. Clancy grounded out to p. *4 runs, 2 hits, 2 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 6th - Pacheco to p for DiSanto. K. Brennan grounded out to 3b. K. Gorman walked. A. Stearns pinch ran for K. Gorman. A. Gardner singled to center field; A. Stearns advanced to second. K. Carroll singled to center field; A. Gardner advanced to second; A. Stearns advanced to third. D. Lutenegge flied out to cf, SF, RBI; A. Stearns scored. A. Allen pinch hit for G. Calabrese. A. Allen reached on an error by 1b; K. Carroll advanced to second; A. Gardner advanced to third. K. DeGirolam popped up to ss. *1 run, 2 hits, 1 error, 3 LOB.*

Framingham State 7th - K. Gorman to 1b for A. Stearns. G. Calabrese to c for A. Allen. DiTerlizzi singled to shortstop. Donovan singled to left field; DiTerlizzi advanced to second. Pacheco flied out to lf. Phipps out at first 3b to 2b, SAC; Donovan advanced to second; DiTerlizzi advanced to third. Reardon pinch hit for Douillette. Reardon popped up to ss. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 7th - DiTerlizzi to p. Pacheco to rf. Phipps to lf. Douillette to cf for Reardon. J. Mason singled through the left side. L. Jardin singled to pitcher; J. Mason advanced to third. L. Jardin stole second; J. Mason stole home. K. Brennan struck out swinging. K. Gorman intentionally walked. A. Gardner struck out swinging. K. Carroll singled to center field, RBI; K. Gorman advanced to second; L. Jardin scored. D. Lutenegge lined out to ss. *2 runs, 3*

hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Framingham State 8th - Curley grounded out to p. Ranton struck out swinging. Ulak grounded out to 3b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 8th - G. Calabrese popped up to 1b. K. DeGirolam grounded out to 2b. J. Mason singled to center field. L. Jardin singled to second base; J. Mason advanced to third. K. Brennan grounded out to 2b. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Framingham State 9th - Clancy flied out to cf. DiTerlizzi doubled to right field. Donovan homered to left center, 2 RBI; DiTerlizzi scored. C. Riddell to p for M. Tomich. Pacheco singled to second base. Phipps lined into double play 3b to 1b; Pacheco out on the play. *2 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 9th - K. Gorman grounded out to 3b. A. Gardner singled to center field. K. Carroll flied out to rf. D. Lutenegge singled to center field; A. Gardner advanced to second. L. Policelli pinch ran for D. Lutenegge. A. Gardner stole third. G. Calabrese grounded out to 2b. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfiel State vs Salem State College (Apr 20, 2009)

- Box score (NCAA)
- Play-by-Play

Box score (NCAA)

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                       The Automated ScoreBook
           Westfiel State at Salem State College (Game 1)
              Apr 20, 2009 at Salem, MA (Alumni Field)

Westfiel State 8 (17-12,7-2)

Player                    AB  R  H RBI  BB SO PO  A LOB
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Jackie Mason cf.........   3  1  2  1    1  0  1  0   0
Lindsay Jardin rf.......   4  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   3
Kim Brennan ss..........   3  1  1  2    1  1  1  2   0
Katie Gorman 1b.........   4  1  1  0    0  1  2  1   1
Alicia Gardner dh.......   1  2  1  0    1  0  0  0   0
 Lisa Policelli pr/dh....  1  0  0  0    0  1  0  0   0
Kristyn Carroll 2b......   3  1  2  3    1  0  1  0   1
Danielle Lutenegger lf...  4  1  0  0    0  1  0  0   0
Gia Calabrese c.........   3  0  1  1    0  0 15  0   1
 Angela Stearns pr.......  0  1  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
Kerin DeGirolamo 3b.....   3  0  1  0    0  1  0  0   0
Chelsea Sylvia p........   0  0  0  0    0  0  1  0   0
Totals..................  29  8  9  7    4  5 21  3   6

Salem State College 0 (17-12,3-6)

Player                    AB  R  H RBI  BB SO PO  A LOB
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Orlando rf..............   2  0  0  0    1  1  2  0   0
Corey lf................   2  0  0  0    0  1  0  1   0
 Zina lf................   1  0  0  0    0  1  0  0   0
Grifoni 2b..............   3  0  0  0    0  0  0  1   0
Baird cf................   3  0  0  0    0  2  3  0   1
Aldred 1b...............   2  0  0  0    0  2  7  0   0
Scola c.................   2  0  0  0    0  2  5  0   0
Lentine 3b..............   2  0  0  0    0  2  3  4   0
Concannon dh............   2  0  0  0    0  2  0  0   0
Fanning p...............   2  0  0  0    0  2  1  2   0
Oram ss.................   0  0  0  0    0  0  0  1   0
Totals..................  21  0  0  0    1 15 21  9   1

Score by Innings                    R   H   E
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Westfiel State...... 012 300 2 -  8   9   0
Salem State College. 000 000 0 -  0   0   1
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E - Lentine. LOB - WESSB 6; Salem State 1. 2B - K. Gorman; K. Carroll 2; K.
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DeGirolam. HBP - A. Gardner. SF - G. Calabrese. SB - D. Lutenegge.

Westfiel State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Chelsea Sylvia......	7.0	0	0	0	1	15	21	22

Salem State College	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Fanning............	7.0	9	8	7	4	5	29	35

Win - C. Sylvia. Loss - Fanning. Save - None.
WP - C. Sylvia; Fanning 2. HBP - by Fanning (A. Gardner).
Umpires -
Start: 12:00pm Time: 1:20 Attendance: 45
Game: WESSSC31

Play-by-Play

The Automated ScoreBook
Westfiel State at Salem State College (Game 1) - Play-by-Play
Apr 20, 2009 at Salem, MA (Alumni Field)

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Westfiel State......	012 300 2 -	8	9	0
Salem State College.	000 000 0 -	0	0	1

Westfiel State starters: 8/cf J. Mason; 13/rf L. Jardin; 6/ss K. Brennan; 22/1b K. Gorman; 1/dh A. Gardner; 5/2b K. Carroll; 18/lf D. Lutenegge; 12/c G. Calabrese; 14/3b K. DeGirolam; 10/p C. Sylvia;
Salem State College starters: 5/rf Orlando; 3/lf Corey; 7/2b Grifoni; 4/cf Baird; 18/1b Aldred; 24/c Scola; 9/3b Lentine; 12/dh Concannon; 16/p Fanning; 6/ss Oram;

Westfiel State 1st - J. Mason flied out to cf. L. Jardin grounded out to 3b. K. Brennan struck out. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Salem State College 1st - Orlando walked. Orlando advanced to second on a wild pitch. Corey struck out. Grifoni flied out to cf. Baird grounded out to ss. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfiel State 2nd - K. Gorman grounded out to 2b. A. Gardner singled. A. Gardner advanced to second on a wild pitch. K. Carroll doubled, out at third lf to ss to 3b, out on the play, RBI; A. Gardner scored. D. Lutenegge struck out. *1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Salem State College 2nd - Aldred struck out. Scola struck out. Lentine struck out. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfiel State 3rd - G. Calabrese singled. A. Stearns pinch ran for G. Calabrese. K. DeGirolam popped up to 3b. J. Mason walked; A. Stearns advanced to second. L. Jardin grounded out to 3b; J. Mason advanced to second; A. Stearns advanced to third. K. Brennan singled, 2 RBI; J. Mason scored; A. Stearns scored. K. Gorman struck out. *2 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Salem State College 3rd - G. Calabrese to c for A. Stearns. Concannon struck out. Fanning struck out. Orlando struck out. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfiel State 4th - A. Gardner walked. K. Carroll walked; A. Gardner advanced to second. D. Lutenegge reached on an error by 3b; K. Carroll advanced to second; A. Gardner advanced to third. G. Calabrese flied out to cf, SAC, RBI; K. Carroll advanced to third; A. Gardner scored, unearned. D. Lutenegge stole second. K. DeGirolam struck out. D. Lutenegge advanced to third on a wild pitch; K. Carroll scored. J. Mason singled, RBI; D. Lutenegge scored. L. Jardin grounded out to p. *3 runs, 1 hit, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Salem State College 4th - Corey popped up to p. Grifoni grounded out to ss. Baird struck out. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfiel State 5th - Zina to lf for Corey. K. Brennan lined out to rf. K. Gorman flied out to 3b. A. Gardner hit by pitch. L. Policelli pinch ran for A. Gardner. K. Carroll popped up to p. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Salem State College 5th - L. Policelli to dh. Aldred struck out. Scola struck out looking. Lentine struck out. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfiel State 6th - D. Lutenegge flied out to cf. G. Calabrese grounded out to p. K. DeGirolam doubled. J. Mason singled; K. DeGirolam advanced to third. L. Jardin flied out to rf. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Salem State College 6th - Concannon struck out. Fanning struck out. Orlando lined out to ss. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfiel State 7th - K. Brennan walked. K. Gorman doubled; K. Brennan advanced to third. L. Policelli struck out. K. Carroll doubled, 2 RBI; K. Gorman scored; K. Brennan scored. D. Lutenegge grounded out to 3b. G. Calabrese grounded out to 3b. *2 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Salem State College 7th - Zina struck out looking. Grifoni out at first 1b to 2b. Baird struck out. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

WESTFIELD ATHLETICS
Owls

Westfield Sweeps Salem State; Earns At Least Share Of MASCAC TItle

Sylvia Hurls No-Hitter; Tomich One Hits Vikings

Senior ace pitcher Chelsea Sylvia fired a no-hitter and struck out 15. Photo By Tom Moriarty.

Game One Box Score

Game Two Box Score

SALEM - The Westfield State College softball team received stellar pitching performances from senior Chelsea Sylvia and freshman Madeline Tomich to sweep Salem State, 8-0 and 1-0, on Monday, April 20.

Sylvia fired a seven-inning no-hitter with 15 strikeouts in the Owls' 8-0 opening-game victory. Sylvia nearly pitched a perfect game as she walked the leadoff batter to start the game then retired 21 straight.

Tomich threw a one-hitter with nine Ks in the nightcap. Westfield scored in the second inning on a sacrifice fly by Danielle Lutenegger

With the twinbill sweep Westfield (20-12 overall) clinches at least a share of the Mass. State Conference championship with a 10-2 record. Bridgewater State owns an 8-2 record with two MASCAC games remaining, a home doubleheader vs. Worcester State on Saturday.

Bridgewater won two games at MCLA today by iscores of 10-1 and 10-0. The Bears were trailing 1-0 in the sixth inning of the opener.

This marks Westfield's first conference crown since 1985 and fourth overall. The Owls also won or shared conference titles in 1979 and 1982.

Sylvia produced a masterpiece, striking out 15 and walking just one batter en route to spinning the no-hitter. The only Salem batter to reach base was sophomore lead-off hitter Taylor Orlando (Danvers, MA), who worked Sylvia for a walk to begin the bottom of the first. From that point on Sylvia was magnificent. She struck out the side in the second, third and fifth innings, and also recorded a pair of punch outs in the sixth and seventh frames. Sylvia registered at least one K in each inning.

Offensively in game one, the Owls banged out nine hits as sophomore Krystal Carroll (Brockton, MA) led the way with two doubles, three RBI and a run scored. Owl lead-off hitter senior Jackie Mason (Florida, MA) had a pair of singles, an RBI and scored once. Junior Kim Brennan (Douglas, MA) stroked a third inning two-run single for the winners. SSC freshman Katelynn Fanning (East Boston, MA) picked up the loss, going seven innings, giving up nine hits, allowing eight runs (five earned), walking three and fanning four.

Game two featured an old fashioned pitchers's duel between SSC senior Katelyn Doherty (Lynnfield, MA) and WSC's Tomich. The

game's lone run came in the top of the second when Carroll led off with a walk, advanced to second on a passed ball, contiuned to third on an infield groundout and scored on a sacrifice fly to left by junior Danielle Lutenegger (Sunderland, MA).

The Owls appeared to be on their way to no-hitting the Lady Vikings for the day, but SSC freshman Michelle Grifoni (Peabody, MA) would erase that possibility with two-outs in the sixth when she lined a hard base hit into left. Tomich would go on to post the one-hitter which included nine strikeouts and three walks. Doherty was solid in defeat, allowing four singles, striking out a pair and walking three.

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Box score (NCAA)

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        Apr 22, 2009 at Westfield, Mass. (Alumni Field)

Nichols College 0 (13-22)

Player                    AB  R  H RBI  BB SO PO  A LOB
------------------------------------------------------
Lauren Correia cf........  2  0  0  0   0  0  2  0   0
 Emily Pollock ph........  1  0  0  0   0  1  0  0   3
Shannon Weeks rf.........  2  0  0  0   0  1  3  0   0
Lauren Lombardo c........  2  0  0  0   0  2  0  0   0
Ashley Robidoux lf.......  2  0  0  0   0  1  1  0   0
Valeri Calcagni 1b.......  1  0  0  0   1  1  4  0   0
 Mary Kate Frodema pr....  0  0  0  0   0  0  0  0   0
Lindsay Hassett dh.......  2  0  2  0   0  0  0  0   0
 Samantha Hardigan pr....  0  0  0  0   0  0  0  0   0
Chelsea Correia 3b.......  2  0  1  0   0  1  1  0   1
Loren Rozanski 2b........  2  0  0  0   0  2  1  2   0
Kylie Langton ss.........  1  0  0  0   0  1  0  1   0
 Savannah Thibault ph....  1  0  0  0   0  0  0  0   0
Ashley Wyland p..........  0  0  0  0   0  0  0  0   0
 Molly Ferraro p.........  0  0  0  0   0  0  0  0   0
Totals.................. 18  0  3  0   1 10 12  3   4

Westfield State 10 (21-12)

Player                    AB  R  H RBI  BB SO PO  A LOB
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Jackie Mason cf..........  2  1  1  0   1  0  0  0   0
Lindsay Jardin rf........  3  1  3  2   0  0  0  0   0
Kim Brennan ss...........  3  0  0  0   0  0  0  1   2
Katie Gorman 1b..........  2  1  0  0   1  0  2  0   1
 Angela Stearns pr.......  0  1  0  0   0  0  0  0   0
Alicia Gardner dh........  3  1  1  0   0  0  0  0   0
Kristyn Carroll 2b.......  3  2  2  1   0  0  0  0   0
Danielle Lutenegger lf...  2  1  1  3   1  0  1  0   0
Gia Calabrese c..........  3  1  1  2   0  0 10  0   0
Kerin DeGirolamo 3b......  3  1  1  0   0  0  0  1   2
Chelsea Sylvia p.........  0  0  0  0   0  0  2  0   0
Totals.................. 24 10 10  8   3  0 15  2   5

Score by Innings             R  H  E
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Nichols College..... 000 00 -  0  3  3
Westfield State..... 720 1X - 10 10  0
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E - Langton; Wyland 2. LOB - NC 4; Westfield 5. 2B - J. Mason; A. Gardner;
K. Carroll; D. Lutenegge; G. Calabrese. SB - A. Gardner; K. Carroll; K.
DeGirolam.

Nichols College        IP  H  R ER BB SO AB BF
------------------------------------------------
Ashley Wyland....... 0.2  6  7  1  2  0  9 11
Molly Ferraro....... 3.1  4  3  2  1  0 15 16

Westfield State        IP  H  R ER BB SO AB BF
------------------------------------------------
Chelsea Sylvia...... 5.0  3  0  0  1 10 18 19

Win - C. Sylvia.  Loss - Wyland.  Save - None.
WP - Ferraro.
Umpires - HP: Karen Veronesi  1B: Bob Veronesi
Start: 2:45   Time: 1:08   Attendance: 50
Game: NICWES33
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Nichols College 1st - Correia, L. flied out to lf. Weeks struck out swinging. Lombardo struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 1st - J. Mason doubled to left field. L. Jardin singled to pitcher, bunt; J. Mason advanced to third, scored on a throwing error by p. K. Brennan lined out to cf. K. Gorman walked; L. Jardin advanced to second. A. Stearns pinch ran for K. Gorman. A. Gardner grounded out to 2b; A. Stearns advanced to second; L. Jardin advanced to third. K. Carroll reached on a fielding error by p. D. Lutenegge doubled, 3 RBI; K. Carroll scored, unearned; A. Stearns scored, unearned; L. Jardin scored, unearned. G. Calabrese doubled down the lf line, RBI; D. Lutenegge scored, unearned. K. DeGirolam singled down the lf line; G. Calabrese advanced to third. K. DeGirolam stole second. J. Mason walked. L. Jardin singled to right field, 2 RBI; J. Mason advanced to third; K. DeGirolam scored, unearned; G. Calabrese scored, unearned. Ferraro to p for Wyland. K. Brennan grounded out to 2b. 7 *runs,*

6 hits, 2 errors, 2 LOB.

Nichols College 2nd - K. Gorman to 1b for A. Stearns. Robidoux struck out looking. Calcagni struck out swinging. Hassett singled to center field. Correia, C. struck out swinging. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - K. Gorman reached on a fielding error by ss. A. Gardner doubled to center field; K. Gorman advanced to third. K. Carroll singled to pitcher, RBI; A. Gardner advanced to third; K. Gorman scored, unearned. D. Lutenegge popped up to 3b. K. Carroll stole second; A. Gardner stole home. G. Calabrese flied out to lf. K. DeGirolam flied out to cf. *2 runs, 2 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Nichols College 3rd - Rozanski struck out swinging. Langton struck out swinging. Correia, L. grounded out to 3b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - J. Mason flied out to rf. L. Jardin singled to first base. K. Brennan flied out to rf. K. Gorman flied out to rf. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Nichols College 4th - Weeks popped up to p, bunt. Lombardo struck out looking. Robidoux grounded out to ss. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - A. Gardner lined out to 2b. K. Carroll doubled to left center. D. Lutenegge walked. D. Lutenegge advanced to second on a wild pitch; K. Carroll advanced to third on a wild pitch. G. Calabrese grounded out to ss, RBI; D. Lutenegge advanced to third; K. Carroll scored. K. DeGirolam grounded out to 1b unassisted. *1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Nichols College 5th - Calcagni walked. Hassett singled through the left side; Calcagni advanced to second. Frodema pinch ran for Calcagni. Correia, C. singled to right field; Hassett advanced to second; Frodema advanced to third. Hardigan pinch ran for Hassett. Rozanski struck out looking. Thibault pinch hit for Langton. Thibault popped up to p. Pollock pinch hit for Correia, L.. Pollock struck out looking. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 3 LOB.*

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Owls Host Site For MASCAC Tourney; Face MCLA Thursday

Chelsea Sylvia

MASCAC Tournament Bracket

Westfield State College senior standout Chelsea Sylvia was named the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) pitcher of the week.

Sylvia fired a no-hitter and struck out 15 in an 8-0 victory over Salem State; she nearly pitched a perfect ame as she walked the first batter then retired 21 straight. Sylvia hurled a three-hitter with 10 strikeouts in a 10-0 victory over Nichols College.

Sylvia will more than like get the starting nod from veteran coach Lou Ann Simchak when Westfield State hosts MCLA in an opening round game of the MASCAC postseason tournament on Thursday at 4:00.

Westfield will host the remaining games of the four-team, double-elimination tournament on Saturday and Sunday, May 2-3. Westfield shared the MASCAC regular season championship with Bridgewater State but the Owls earned the No. 1 seed based on tiebreak criteria No. 3: their non-conference victory over Rhode Island College.

Framingham State is the No. 3 seed and plays at Bridgewater on Thursday. MCLA is the No. 4 seed.

Saturday's three games are scheduled for 11:00 a.m., 1:30, and 4:00. The losers of Thursday's game will play at 11:00 a.m. and the two winners of Thursday's game will play at 1:30.

The championship game is scheduled for Sunday at 12:00. A second game on Sunday, if necessary, will follow the noon game.

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Westfield Hosts Softball Tournament

Softball Tournament Bracket

BUZZARDS BAY - Westfield State College has earned the top seed in the 2009 Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference Softball Championships, which begin with first round play on Thursday, April 30th and continue in a double elimination format on both Saturday and Sunday, May 2nd and 3rd.

Westfield State will host the fourth-seeded Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in one first round contest on Thursday afternoon in Westfield, Mass. beginning at 4:00 p.m. EDT, while second-seeded Bridgewater State College will host third-seeded Framingham State College in the other first round contest on Thursday afternoon at Alumni Park in Bridgewater, Mass. beginning at 3:30 p.m. EDT.

The tournament continues on Saturday morning at Westfield State in a double elimination format beginning at 11:00 a.m. EDT, with the championship round set for Sunday afternoon beginning at Noon, as the 2009 MASCAC champion receives an automatic berth in the NCAA Division III Softball Championships.

Head Coach Lou Ann Simchak's Owls shared the 2009 MASCAC regular season crown with Bridgewater State with a 10-2 league mark (21- 12 overall), but Westfield State earned the top seed in the tournament by winning a conference tie-breaker.

Senior Jackie Mason (Florida, Mass.) paces the Owls at the plate with a .470 batting average that includes 47 hits, a school record eight triples and 23 stolen bases, while sophomore Alicia Gardner (Athol, Mass.) follows at a .342 clip with four triples. Senior Chelsea Sylvia (South Dartmouth, Mass.) has posted a 14-4 mark to date with a 1.63 earned run average and six shutouts for Westfield State.

Bridgewater State brings an overall mark of 25-9 into postseason play along with a 10-2 MASCAC slate under Head Coach Lori Salvia, as the Bears are led offensively by senior Allie LeBlanc (Somerset, Mass.), who boasts a .500 batting average that includes 54 hits, 13 doubles and 45 RBI. Sophomore Tracey Sanko (Windsor, Conn.) follows at .442 with 50 hits and 13 RBI, while senior Alyssa Verronneau (Acushnet, Mass.) has notched an 11-4 mark and 2.87 earned run average to go with six shutouts to date.

Framingham State claimed the third seed in this year's MASCAC Championships with an 8-4 league slate under Head Coach Rich Paulhus (11-25 overall), as the Rams are led at the plate by freshman Christy Ulak (Rehoboth, Mass.), who sports a .373 batting average with 41 hits, seven doubles and 17 RBI. Senior Liz Ranton (Milton, Mass.) follows at a .301 clip with 25 hits and three stolen bases, while senior Katelyn Pacheco (Acushnet, Mass.) has notched five wins for Framingham State with three shutouts to date.

MCLA rounds out the 2009 MASCAC championship field, as Head Coach Kristin Parzych's Trailblazers posted a 4-8 conference mark this spring and stand at 10-20 overall entering the post-season. Senior Rachel Desautels (Readsboro, Vt.) leads the charge for MCLA with a .419 batting average that includes 36 hits, four homers and 28 RBI, while sophomore Kate Ouellette (Norwood, Mass.) follows at a .318 clip. Freshman Hadley Ameen (North Adams, Mass.) has posted five victories and a pair of shutouts inside the circle for the Trailblazers to date.

Bridgewater State captured the 2008 MASCAC Softball Championship with a 5-1 win over Westfield State in the title game.

2009 Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference Softball Championships
(Double Elimination Format)

THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH - FIRST ROUND
Game #1: #3 Framingham State (11-25, 8-4) at #2 Bridgewater State (25-9, 10-2) 3:30 pm
Game #2: #4 MCLA (10-20, 4-8) at #1 Westfield State (21-12, 10-2) 4:00 pm

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND - SEMI-FINALS (WESTFIELD, MASS.)
Game #3: Loser Game #1 vs. Loser Game #2 11:00 am
Game #4: Winner Game #1 vs. Winner Game #2 1:30 pm
Game #5: Winner Game #3 vs. Loser Game #4 4:00 pm

SUNDAY, MAY 3RD - CHAMPIONSHIP (WESTFIELD, MASS.)
Game #6: Winner Game #4 vs. Winner Game #5 Noon
Game #7: Winner Game #4 vs. Winner Game #5 (if necessary) 30 min. following

2009 MASCAC SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

Double elimination tournament. Games are 7 innings.

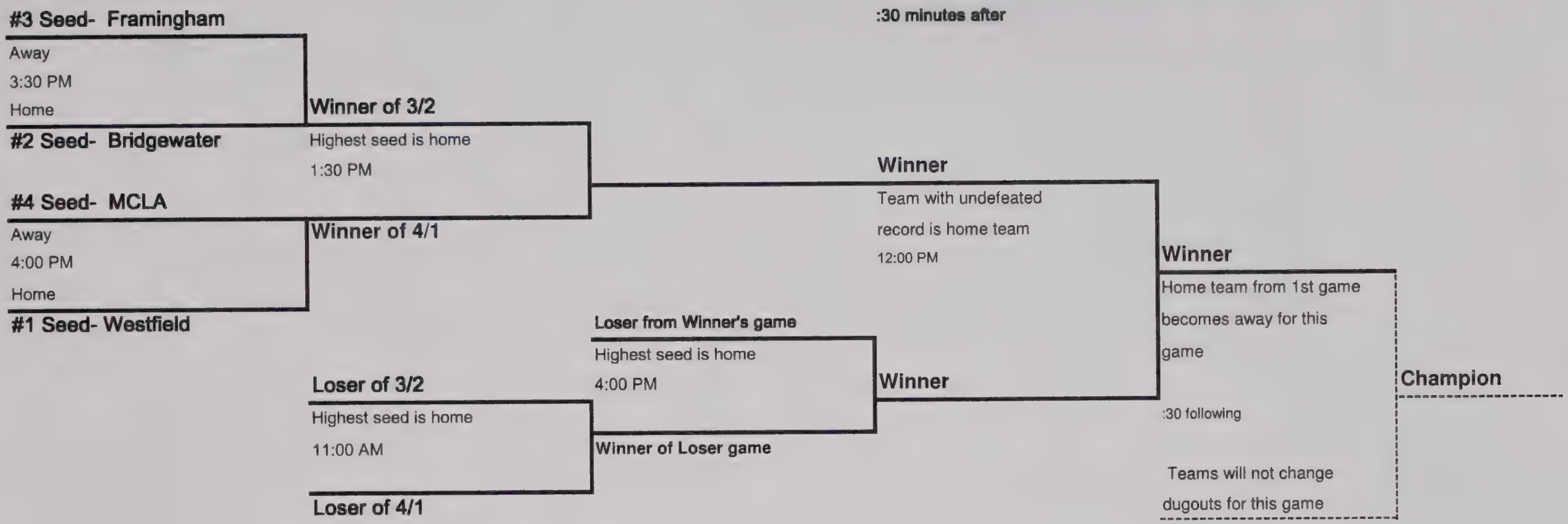
Host team has choice of dugouts. If two non-hosts are playing the highest seed gets to choose the dugout.

First Round
*At #1 and #2 seed
Thursday, April 30

Semi Finals
*At #1 Seed
Saturday, May 2

Semi Finals
*At #1 Seed
Saturday, May 2

Championship
*At #1 Seed
Sunday, May 3
If there is a second game
:30 minutes after



#3 Seed- Framingham
Away
3:30 PM
Home
#2 Seed- Bridgewater

#4 Seed- MCLA
Away
4:00 PM
Home
#1 Seed- Westfield

Winner of 3/2
Highest seed is home
1:30 PM
Winner of 4/1

Loser of 3/2
Highest seed is home
11:00 AM
Loser of 4/1

Loser from Winner's game
Highest seed is home
4:00 PM
Winner of Loser game

Winner
Team with undefeated
record is home team
12:00 PM
Winner

Winner
Home team from 1st game
becomes away for this
game

:30 following

Teams will not change
dugouts for this game

Champion

MCLA Softball vs Westfield State (Apr 30, 2009)

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MCLA Softball 0 (10-23)

Player                    AB   R   H RBI  BB  SO  PO   A  LOB
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Blackburn 1b............   4   0   1   0   0   0   5   1    3
Ameen p.................   3   0   0   0   0   1   0   0    0
Ouelette ss.............   3   0   1   0   0   2   4   1    0
Desautels c.............   2   0   0   0   1   0   1   0    0
 Levesque pr............   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0    0
Koumjian dh.............   3   0   1   0   0   0   0   0    2
Hendricks 3b............   3   0   0   0   0   1   1   4    2
Borsotti lf.............   3   0   1   0   0   0   0   0    0
Coburn cf...............   3   0   0   0   0   1   2   0    0
Candelet 2b.............   2   0   1   0   1   0   5   2    0
Hager rf................   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0    0
Totals..................  26   0   5   0   2   5  18   8    7

Westfield State 1 (22-12)

Player                    AB   R   H RBI  BB  SO  PO   A  LOB
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Jackie Mason cf.........   3   0   1   0   0   0   0   0    0
Lindsay Jardin rf.......   3   0   1   0   0   1   1   0    0
Kim Brennan ss..........   3   0   0   0   0   0   1   3    3
Katie Gorman 1b.........   2   0   0   0   1   0   7   1    0
 Lisa Policelli pr......   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0    0
Alicia Gardner dh.......   2   1   2   0   0   0   0   0    0
Kristyn Carroll 2b......   3   0   1   1   0   0   4   1    0
Danielle Lutenegger lf..   1   0   0   0   1   0   2   0    1
Gia Calabrese c.........   2   0   0   0   0   0   5   1    2
Kerin DeGirolamo 3b.....   2   0   1   0   0   0   0   3    0
Chelsea Sylvia p........   0   0   0   0   0   0   1   2    0
Totals..................  21   1   6   1   2   1  21  11    6

Score by Innings                     R   H   E
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MCLA Softball....... 000 000 0 -  0   5   0
Westfield State..... 010 000 X -  1   6   2
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E - K. Brennan; K. Gorman. DP - MCLA 1. LOB - MCLA 7; Westfield 6. 2B -
Blackburn. 3B - A. Gardner. SH - A. Gardner; D. Lutenegge. SB - Coburn. CS -
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Blackburn.

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MCLA Softball          IP   H   R  ER  BB  SO  AB  BF
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Ameen..............   6.0   6   1   1   2   1  21  25

Westfield State        IP   H   R  ER  BB  SO  AB  BF
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Chelsea Sylvia......  7.0   5   0   0   2   5  26  28

Win - C. Sylvia (15-4).  Loss - Ameen (5-14).  Save - None.
WP - Ameen.
Umpires - HP: Arthur Balser  1B: Michael Hamilton
Start: 4:00   Time: 1:20   Attendance: 100
Game: MCLWES01
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Play-by-Play

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                        The Automated ScoreBook
                MCLA Softball at Westfield State - Play-by-Play
                Apr 30, 2009 at Westfield, Mass. (Alumni Field)


Score by Innings                  R  H  E
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MCLA Softball....... 000 000 0 -  0  5  0
Westfield State..... 010 000 X -  1  6  2
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MCLA Softball starters: 1/1b Blackburn; 14/p Ameen; 13/ss Ouelette; 7/c Desautels; 18/dh Koumjian; 9/3b Hendricks; 6/lf Borsotti; 2/cf Coburn; 16/2b Candelet; 5/rf Hager;
Westfield State starters: 8/cf J. Mason; 13/rf L. Jardin; 6/ss K. Brennan; 22/1b K. Gorman; 1/dh A. Gardner; 5/2b K. Carroll; 18/lf D. Lutenegge; 12/c G. Calabrese; 14/3b K. DeGirolam; 10/p C. Sylvia;

MCLA Softball 1st - Blackburn doubled to left field. Ameen struck out looking. Ouelette singled through the left side, advanced to second on a throwing error by ss; Blackburn advanced to third. Desautels grounded out to p. Koumjian flied out to lf. *0 runs, 2 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 1st - J. Mason lined out to cf. L. Jardin struck out swinging. K. Brennan popped up to 2b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

MCLA Softball 2nd - Hendricks grounded out to p. Borsotti singled to pitcher, bunt. Coburn reached on a fielder's choice; Borsotti out at second ss to 2b. Coburn stole second. Candelet walked. Blackburn out at first 1b to 2b, bunt. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - K. Gorman popped up to ss. A. Gardner tripled to center field. K. Carroll singled to center field, RBI; A. Gardner scored. D. Lutenegge hit into double play 3b to 1b to 3b, SAC; K. Carroll out on the play. *1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

MCLA Softball 3rd - Ameen popped up to 2b. Ouelette struck out looking.

Desautels flied out to rf. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - G. Calabrese grounded out to 3b. K. DeGirolam singled to center field. J. Mason popped up to 2b. L. Jardin singled to pitcher, bunt; K. DeGirolam advanced to second. K. Brennan grounded out to 2b. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

MCLA Softball 4th - Koumjian fouled out to p. Hendricks struck out swinging. Borsotti grounded out to 3b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - K. Gorman grounded out to 3b. A. Gardner singled up the middle. K. Carroll reached on a fielder's choice; A. Gardner out at second ss to 2b. D. Lutenegge walked; K. Carroll advanced to second. D. Lutenegge advanced to second on a wild pitch; K. Carroll advanced to third on a wild pitch. G. Calabrese popped up to ss. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

MCLA Softball 5th - Coburn struck out swinging. Candelet grounded out to 2b. Blackburn reached on an error by 1b, assist by ss. Blackburn out at second c to ss, caught stealing. *0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 5th - K. DeGirolam lined out to ss. J. Mason singled to center field. L. Jardin grounded out to 2b; J. Mason advanced to second. K. Brennan fouled out to ss. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

MCLA Softball 6th - Ameen grounded out to 3b. Ouelette struck out swinging. Desautels walked. Koumjian singled to center field; Desautels advanced to second. Levesque pinch ran for Desautels. Hendricks popped up to 2b. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 6th - Desautels to c for Levesque. K. Gorman walked. L. Policelli pinch ran for K. Gorman. A. Gardner out at first 3b to 2b, SAC; L. Policelli advanced to second. K. Carroll popped up to 2b. D. Lutenegge flied out to cf. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

MCLA Softball 7th - K. Gorman to 1b for L. Policelli. Borsotti grounded out to 3b. Coburn grounded out to ss. Candelet singled up the middle. Blackburn flied out to lf. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

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Westfield Gets Past MCLA, 1-0

Owls Advance In MASCAC Tourney: Host Bridgewater

Kristyn Carroll lines a single up the middle for the game-winning hit. Photo By Tom Moriarty

Box Score

WESTFIELD, Mass. - Senior Chelsea Sylvia (South Dartmouth) pitched a five-hit shutout and sophomore Alicia Gardner (Athol) was 2-for-2 with a triple to lead Westfield State to a 1-0 victory over MCLA in an opening round game of the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) softball tournament.

Westfield, the No. 1 seed in the four-team double elimination tournament, hosts Bridgewater State in a key semifinal game on Saturday, May 2, at 1:30 p.m. Bridgewater the No. 2 seed pulled out a 3 2 home victory over Framingham State in eight innings in Thursday's other first-round match.

No. 3 seed Framingham State will play No. 4 seed MCLA in the loser's bracket game on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at Westfield State.

Westfield scored the game's only run in the bottom of the second inning. Gardner lofted a one-out triple over the centerfielder's head and scored on a sharply hit single to centerfield by sophomore Kristyn Carroll (Brockton).

Sylvia struck out six and walked and gave up three of her five hits in the first two innings. She pitched out of jams in MCLA's first two at bats, especially in the first frame.

MCLA's Amey Blackbum (Seekonk) led off the game with a double over the leftfielder's head. Katie Ouellette (Norwood) reached on an infield single and both runners advanced a base on a throwing error.

Dangerous senior cleanup hitter Rachel Desautels (Readsboro, Vt./McCann Tech) then grounded out to Sylvia for the second out. A fly out to right field ended the scoring threat.

Gardner was the only player with two hits in the game; she also dropped down a nice sacrifice bunt.

MCLA stranded seven base runners, Westfield six.

MCLA freshman Hadley Ameen (North Adams) had another solid pitching outing. She allowed six hits and two walks with one strikeout.

Alica Gardner slides into third base for a second-inning triple. Photo by Tom Moriarty

Westfield shortstop Kim Brennan tags out a MCLA runner attempting to s teal second base. Photo By Tom Moriarty

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Westfield Holds Off Framingham

Advances To MASCAC Softball Championship Game

Senior Casey Riddell pitched five and a third innings to pick up the mound victory vs. Framingham.

Box Score

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Westfield State jumped out to a 5-1 second-inning lead and held for a 5-4 victory over Framingham State to advance to the championship game of the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) softball tournament.

The Owls, 23-13, face rival Bridgewater State in the title tilt, scheduled for Sunday, May 3, at 12:00 at Westfield State College. Bridgewater is unbeaten in the double-elimination format after defeating Westfield, 6-4, earlier on Saturday. Westfield would have to defeat Bridgewater twice on Sunday to capture the MASCAC championship and an automatic berth to the NCAA Division III tournament.

Framingham took a 1-0 lead by scoring an unearned run in the first inning. Westfield tied the score in the home half of the first on an RBI single by Katie Gorman (Feeding Hills).

The Owls erupted for four runs on six hits in the second inning, knocking Framingham freshman pitcher Alysia Morrissette (Ware) from the game.

The key hits in Westfield's four-run second were an RBI triple by Lindsay Jardin (Assonet), an RBI double by Kim Brennan (Douglas) and a run-scoring single from Alicia Gardner (Athol).
Framingham scored a run in the third inning on a throwing error on a failed pickoff attempt at third base, and closed to within two, 5-3, in the fifth on a solo home run by Colleen Clancy (Lynn).

The Rams scored a run in the sixth inning on an RBI single by Andrea DeTirlizzi (Shrewsbury) and had the bases loaded with one out. But the huge scoring threat was thwarted when Westfield relief pitcher Chelsea Sylvia struck out the dangerous Katie Donovan (Holden) swinging on a changeup and got Katelyn Pacheco to pop up to Gorman at first base on a 3-1 pitch.

Framingham threatened to score again in its final at bat with a runner in scoring position and one out. But Sylvia struck out two straight batters, including a called third strike on a changeup.

Senior Casey Riddell (Orange) pitched a gutsy five and a third innings to notch the victory, with Sylvia earning her first save this season. Westfield pitchers did not issue a walk.

Framingham out-hit Westfield, 13-10. Jardin was 2 for 4 with two runs scored and an RBI triple and Brennan was 2 for 4 with an RBI double.

Clancy was 4 for 4 with a homer, double and two singles.
DiTerlizzi and Alyssa Shea (Lakeville) were both 2 for 4.

Framingham State vs Westfield State (May 02, 2009)

- Box score (NCAA)
- Play-by-Play

Box score (NCAA)

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                    The Automated ScoreBook
                Framingham State at Westfield State
           May 02, 2009 at Westfield, Mass. (Alumni)

Framingham State 4 (14-27)

Player                    AB  R  H RBI  BB SO PO  A LOB
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Christy Ulak ss.........   4  0  1  0    0  0  3  1   2
Colleen Clancy 3b.......   4  2  4  1    0  0  2  2   0
Andrea DiTerlizzi lf....   4  1  2  1    0  0  1  0   0
 Megan Dumas lf.........   0  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
Katie Donovan c/dh......   4  0  1  0    0  2  0  1   0
Katelyn Pacheco 2b/p....   4  0  1  0    0  0  1  2   5
Alyssa Shea rf..........   4  0  2  0    0  0  2  0   0
 Angela DiSanto pr......   0  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
Kelsey Curley dh/2b.....   4  0  1  0    0  0  1  2   2
Elizabeth Ranton 1b.....   4  0  1  0    0  1  6  0   0
Sarah Douillette cf/pr..   3  1  0  0    0  1  1  0   2
 Kelly Reardon ph.......   0  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
Alysia Morrissette p....   0  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
 Rachel Timmons c.......   0  0  0  0    0  0  1  0   0
Totals..................  35  4 13  2    0  4 18  8  11

Westfield State 5 (23-13)

Player                    AB  R  H RBI  BB SO PO  A LOB
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Jackie Mason cf.........   4  1  1  0    0  0  1  0   0
Lindsay Jardin rf.......   4  2  2  1    0  0  0  0   3
Kim Brennan ss..........   4  1  2  1    0  0  2  2   0
 Angela Stearns pr......   0  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
Katie Gorman 1b.........   4  0  1  1    0  2  8  1   0
 Lisa Policelli pr......   0  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
Alicia Gardner dh.......   2  0  1  1    2  0  0  0   0
Kristyn Carroll 2b......   4  0  0  0    0  0  2  3   5
Danielle Lutenegger lf..   2  1  1  0    1  0  3  0   2
Gia Calabrese c.........   3  0  1  0    0  0  5  0   0
Kerin DeGirolamo 3b.....   3  0  1  0    0  0  0  0   0
Casey Riddell p.........   0  0  0  0    0  0  0  2   0
 Chelsea Sylvia p.......   0  0  0  0    0  0  0  0   0
Totals..................  30  5 10  4    3  2 21  8  10

Score by Innings                  R  H  E
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Framingham State.... 101 011 0 -  4 13  2
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Westfield State.....	140 000 X -	5	10	2

E - Ulak; Clancy; K. Brennan; G. Calabrese. LOB - FRASB 11; Westfield 10. 2B - Clancy; K. Brennan. 3B - L. Jardin. HR - Clancy. HBP - Reardon. SB - DiTerlizzi; DiSanto; L. Policelli. CS - K. DeGirolam.

Framingham State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Alysia Morrissette..	2.0	8	5	5	1	1	14	15
Katelyn Pacheco.....	4.0	2	0	0	2	1	16	18

Westfield State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Casey Riddell.......	5.1	10	4	3	0	1	27	28
Chelsea Sylvia......	1.2	3	0	0	0	3	8	8

Win - C. Riddell (3-4). Loss - Morrissette (3-16). Save - C. Sylvia (1).
WP - Morrissette 3; C. Riddell. HBP - by C. Riddell (Reardon). PB - Timmons; G. Calabrese.
Umpires - HP: Mike Pelland 1B: Todd Robbins
Start: 4:00 Time: 1:30 Attendance: 150
Game: FRAWES05

Play-by-Play

The Automated ScoreBook
Framingham State at Westfield State - Play-by-Play
May 02, 2009 at Westfield, Mass. (Alumni)

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Framingham State....	101 011 0 -	4	13	2
Westfield State.....	140 000 X -	5	10	2

Framingham State starters: 20/ss Ulak; 12/3b Clancy; 11/lf DiTerlizzi; 4/c Donovan; 8/2b Pacheco; 5/rf Shea; 2/dh Curley; 18/1b Ranton; 15/cf Douillette; 10/p Morrissette;
Westfield State starters: 8/cf J. Mason; 13/rf L. Jardin; 6/ss K. Brennan; 22/1b K. Gorman; 1/dh A. Gardner; 5/2b K. Carroll; 18/lf D. Lutenegge; 12/c G. Calabrese; 14/3b K. DeGirolam; 19/p C. Riddell;

Framingham State 1st - Ulak fouled out to c. Clancy singled to second base. DiTerlizzi reached on a fielder's choice; Clancy out at second ss to 2b. DiTerlizzi advanced to second on a passed ball. Donovan reached on an error by ss; DiTerlizzi scored, unearned. Pacheco flied out to lf. *1 run, 1 hit, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 1st - J. Mason flied out to lf. L. Jardin singled up the middle. L. Jardin advanced to second on a wild pitch. K. Brennan grounded out to ss; L. Jardin advanced to third. K. Gorman singled up the middle, RBI; L. Jardin scored. A. Gardner walked; K. Gorman advanced to second. K. Carroll reached on a fielder's choice; A. Gardner out at second 2b unassisted. *1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Framingham State 2nd - Shea singled to left field. Curley flied out to lf. Ranton out at first 1b to 2b to 1b; Shea advanced to second. Douillette grounded out to ss. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - D. Lutenegge singled up the middle. G. Calabrese popped up to 3b, bunt. D. Lutenegge advanced to second on a wild pitch. K. DeGirolam singled through the left side; D. Lutenegge advanced to third. K. DeGirolam out at second c to ss, caught stealing; D. Lutenegge scored. J. Mason singled to left field. L. Jardin tripled to left center, RBI; J. Mason scored. K. Brennan doubled to right center, RBI; L. Jardin scored. K. Gorman struck out, reached first on a wild pitch; K. Brennan advanced to third on a wild pitch. A. Gardner singled to left field, RBI; K. Gorman advanced to second; K. Brennan scored. K. Carroll reached on a fielder's choice; A. Gardner advanced to second; K. Gorman out at third 3b unassisted. *4 runs, 6 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Framingham State 3rd - Ulak popped up to ss. Clancy doubled to left field. DiTerlizzi flied out to lf. Clancy advanced to third on a wild pitch. Clancy scored on a throwing error by c, failed pickoff attempt. Donovan singled to left field. Pacheco reached on a fielder's choice; Donovan out at second ss unassisted. *1 run, 2 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - Donovan to dh. Pacheco to p. Curley to 2b. Timmons to c for Morrissette. D. Lutenegge walked. G. Calabrese singled through the left side; D. Lutenegge advanced to second. K. DeGirolam flied out to rf; D. Lutenegge advanced to third. J. Mason popped up to ss. L. Jardin flied out to rf. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Framingham State 4th - Shea grounded out to p. Curley singled to third base. Ranton singled up the middle; Curley advanced to second. Douillette popped up to 2b. Ulak fouled out to 1b. *0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - K. Brennan grounded out to p. K. Gorman reached on a fielding error by ss. L. Policelli pinch ran for K. Gorman. L. Policelli stole second. A. Gardner walked. K. Carroll reached on a fielder's choice; A. Gardner out at second 2b unassisted; L. Policelli advanced to third. D. Lutenegge flied out to cf. *0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.*

Framingham State 5th - K. Gorman to 1b for L. Policelli. Clancy homered to left field, RBI. DiTerlizzi singled to shortstop. Donovan struck out swinging. Pacheco singled to left field; DiTerlizzi advanced to second. Shea flied out to cf. DiTerlizzi stole third. Curley grounded out to p. *1 run, 3 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.*

Westfield State 5th - Dumas to lf for DiTerlizzi. G. Calabrese grounded out to 3b. K. DeGirolam reached on a fielding error by 3b. K. DeGirolam advanced to second on a passed ball. J. Mason grounded out to 2b; K. DeGirolam advanced to third. L. Jardin grounded out to 2b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Framingham State 6th - Ranton grounded out to 2b. Reardon pinch hit for Douillette. Reardon hit by pitch. Douillette pinch ran for Reardon. Ulak singled to left field; Douillette advanced to second. C. Sylvia to p for C. Riddell. Clancy singled down the lf line; Ulak advanced to second; Douillette advanced to third. DiTerlizzi to lf for Dumas. DiTerlizzi singled to left field, RBI; Clancy advanced to second; Ulak advanced to third; Douillette scored. Donovan struck out swinging. Pacheco popped up to 1b. *1 run, 3 hits, 0 errors, 3 LOB.*

Westfield State 6th - Douillette to cf. K. Brennan singled through the right

side. A. Stearns pinch ran for K. Brennan. K. Gorman struck out swinging. A. Gardner reached on a fielder's choice; A. Stearns out at second p to ss. K. Carroll grounded out to 3b. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Framingham State 7th - K. Brennan to ss for A. Stearns. Shea singled to right field. Curley grounded out to 2b; Shea advanced to second. DiSanto pinch ran for Shea. Ranton struck out swinging. DiSanto stole third. Douillette struck out swinging. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

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Westfield Falls In MASCAC Finals

Bears Score Three First-Inning Runs; Blank Owls, 3-0

Westfield State captains Chelsea Sylvia, left, and Katie Gorman present the runner-up trophy to head coach Lou Ann Simchak.

Box Score

WESTFIELD, Mass. - Senior Alyssa Verronneau (Acushnet) tossed a three-hitter and sophomore Penn King (Hanover) was 2 for 3 with a two-run double to lead Bridgewater State to a 3-0 victory over Westfield State in the championship game of the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) softball tournament on Sunday, May 3.

Bridgewater (28-9) earns a berth in the NCAA Division 3 national tournament, while Westfield finishes with a 23-14 record. The teams shared the MASCAC regular season crown with 10-2 records, but the Bears topped the Owls twice in the conference tournament, including a 6-4 victory on Saturday.

Bridgewater scored all of its runs in the first inning when it collected four of its six hits off Westfield ace pitcher Chelsea Sylvia (South Dartmouth).

Bear leadoff batter Tracey Sanko (Windsor, Conn.) barely beat out a slap hit and stole second. Lauren Cucinotta (Franklin) singled to deep shortstop and Sanko moved to third. Ally LeBlanc (Somerset) then ripped a one-out RBI single up the middle. King blasted a two-out double to the left-center field gap for the early 3-0 lead.

The only major scoring threat mounted by either team came in Westfield's sixth inning, and Bridgewater got out of the jam with an unusual double play that included a controversial call at home plate.

Westfield senior standout Jackie Mason (Florida, Mass.) blooped a one-out single in the sixth and advanced to second on a throwing error by the catcher on a failed pickoff attempt. Senior Lindsay Jardin (Assonet) reached safely on a bunt and Mason moved to third.

Kim Brennan (Douglas) then hit a grounder deep in the hole to Bridgewater shortstop Rachael Sprague. Instead of conceding the run, Sprague took a gamble and fired the ball to home plate. Mason was running on contact and appeared to have beaten Sprague's long throw to home. However, the umpire, after a long hesitation, ruled Mason out.

Bridgewater continued to execute as catcher Bridget Engwer fired the ball to third base, where Jardin was tagged out on another close play for the inning-ending double play.

Verronneau retired the side in order in the seventh to cap her fine pitching performance; she struck out six and did not issue a walk. Westfield designated hitter Alicia Gardner (Athol) broke up Verronneau's no-hit bid with a single to left field to lead off the fifth.

Sylvia struck out 4 and walked 1.
King was the only player for either team with multiple hits.

Westfield State vs Bridgewater State (May 03, 2009)

- Box score (NCAA)
- Play-by-Play

Box score (NCAA)

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Westfield State at Bridgewater State
May 03, 2009 at Westfied, Mass. (Alumni Field)

Westfield State 0 (23-14)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Jackie Mason cf..........	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lindsay Jardin rf........	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Kim Brennan ss...........	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Katie Gorman 1b..........	3	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	1
Alicia Gardner dh........	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kristyn Carroll 2b.......	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0
Danielle Lutenegger lf...	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Gia Calabrese c..........	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	1
Kerin DeGirolamo 3b......	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0
Chelsea Sylvia p.........	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Totals..................	24	0	3	0	0	6	18	7	3

Bridgewater State 3 (28-9)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Sanko lf................	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
McPherson dh............	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cucinotta 2b............	3	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
LeBlanc cf..............	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Sprague ss..............	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1
King 1b.................	3	0	2	2	0	1	5	0	0
Noyes rf................	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Youngstrom ph..........	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Capodiece 3b............	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Engwer c................	2	0	0	0	0	0	9	2	1
Verronneau p............	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Totals..................	24	3	6	3	1	4	21	7	4

Score by Innings					R	H	E
Westfield State.....	000	000	0	-	0	3	0
Bridgewater State...	300	000	X	-	3	6	2

E - Sprague(9); Engwer(6). DP - BSC 1. LOB - Westfield 3; BSC 4. 2B - King(6); Capodiece(4). SB - D. Lutenegge(3); Sanko(34).

Westfield State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Chelsea Sylvia......	6.0	6	3	3	1	4	24	25

Bridgewater State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Verronneau.........	7.0	3	0	0	0	6	24	24

Win - Verronneau (14-4). Loss - C. Sylvia (15-6). Save - None.
Umpires - HP: Mike Roberts 1B: Mike Pelland
Start: 12:00 Time: 1:20 Attendance: 100
Game: WESBSC06

Play-by-Play

The Automated ScoreBook
Westfield State at Bridgewater State - Play-by-Play
May 03, 2009 at Westfied, Mass. (Alumni Field)

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Westfield State.....	000 000 0 -	0	3	0
Bridgewater State...	300 000 X -	3	6	2

Westfield State starters: 8/cf J. Mason; 13/rf L. Jardin; 6/ss K. Brennan; 22/1b K. Gorman; 1/dh A. Gardner; 5/2b K. Carroll; 18/lf D. Lutenegge; 12/c G. Calabrese; 14/3b K. DeGirolam; 10/p C. Sylvia;
Bridgewater State starters: 6/lf Sanko; 9/dh McPherson; 7/2b Cucinotta; 12/cf LeBlanc; 15/ss Sprague; 14/1b King; 11/rf Noyes; 17/3b Capodiece; 5/c Engwer; 8/p Verronneau;

Westfield State 1st - MASCAC Softball Tournament Championship Game. J. Mason popped up to ss. L. Jardin grounded out to c, bunt. K. Brennan reached on a fielding error by ss. K. Gorman struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Bridgewater State 1st - Sanko singled to pitcher. McPherson popped up to ss. Sanko stole second. Cucinotta singled to shortstop; Sanko advanced to third. LeBlanc singled to center field, RBI; Cucinotta advanced to second; Sanko scored. Sprague flied out to lf. King doubled to left center, 2 RBI; LeBlanc scored; Cucinotta scored. Noyes grounded out to p. *3 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 2nd - A. Gardner grounded out to 2b. K. Carroll struck out swinging. D. Lutenegge struck out looking. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Bridgewater State 2nd - Capodiece fouled out to c. Engwer popped up to 2b. Sanko grounded out to 2b unassisted. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 3rd - G. Calabrese grounded out to ss. K. DeGirolam struck out swinging. J. Mason popped up to 2b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Bridgewater State 3rd - McPherson grounded out to p. Cucinotta grounded out to 2b. LeBlanc walked. Sprague popped up to 3b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 4th - L. Jardin struck out looking. K. Brennan fouled out to c. K. Gorman struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Bridgewater State 4th - King struck out looking. Noyes struck out swinging. Capodiece doubled to left field. Engwer out at first p to 2b, bunt. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 5th - A. Gardner singled to left field. K. Carroll fouled out to c, bunt. D. Lutenegge reached on a fielder's choice; A. Gardner out at second p to ss. D. Lutenegge stole second. G. Calabrese fouled out to ss. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Bridgewater State 5th - Sanko popped up to lf. McPherson grounded out to 3b. Cucinotta struck out swinging. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

Westfield State 6th - K. DeGirolam grounded out to 3b. J. Mason singled to center field. J. Mason advanced to second on a throwing error by c, failed pickoff attempt. L. Jardin singled to pitcher, bunt; J. Mason advanced to third. K. Brennan reached on a fielder's choice; L. Jardin out on double play ss to c to 3b; J. Mason out on the play. *0 runs, 2 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.*

Bridgewater State 6th - LeBlanc flied out to rf. Sprague grounded out to 3b. King singled to shortstop. Youngstrom pinch hit for Noyes. Youngstrom struck out, out at first c to 1b. *0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.*

Westfield State 7th - Noyes to rf for Youngstrom. K. Gorman popped up to p. A. Gardner flied out to lf. K. Carroll fouled out to 1b. *0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.*

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Sylvia Headlines 2009 Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference Softball All-Conference Team

Buzzards Bay, Mass. — Westfield State College senior pitcher **Chelsea Sylvia** has been named as the 2009 Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference Softball Player of the Year and heads the league's all-conference squad in a vote taken of the conference's seven coaches.

A native of South Dartmouth, Mass., Sylvia earned the nod as the league's top player for the second straight season, as she led the conference with 14 victories and a 1.26 earned run average to go with 164 strikeouts in 111 innings pitched. Sylvia helped lead the Owls to a share of the MASCAC regular season championship with a 10-2 mark.

Westfield State freshman pitcher **Madeline Tomich** (Alford, Mass.) was tabbed as the 2009 MASCAC Rookie of the Year after posting a 5-4 mark with a 1.99 earned run average and 72 strikeouts in 63-plus innings, while Westfield State's **Lou Ann Simchak** was recognized by her peers as the 2009 MASCAC Coach of the Year after leading the Owls to 21 wins to date as well as a share of the MASCAC regular season crown.

Sylvia was joined on the 2009 MASCAC first-team all-conference squad by Bridgewater State's **Allie LeBlanc**, **Tracey Sanko**, **Alyssa Verronneau**, **Rachael Sprague** and **Michaela Ferreira**; Framingham State's **Colleen Clancy**; Salem State's **Amanda Scola** and **Michelle Grifoni** and Westfield State's **Alicia Gardner**, **Katie Gorman** and **Jackie Mason**.

The 2009 MASCAC second-team all-conference squad consisted of Bridgewater State's **Heather McPherson**; Fitchburg State's **Karen Skoczylas** and **Meghan Callahan**; Framingham State's **Liz Ranton**, **Andrea DiTerlizzi** and **Christy Ulak**; MCLA's **Hadley Ameen** and **Kayla Koumjian**; Salem State's **Taylor Orlando** and **Jenna Lentine** and Worcester State's **Ashley Nye** and **Michaella Mahoney**.

Now celebrating its 38th year, the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference is comprised of eight NCAA Division III member institutions: Bridgewater State College, Fitchburg State College, Framingham State College, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Salem State College, Westfield State College and Worcester State College.

2009 MASCAC SOFTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

FIRST TEAM

Player/Institution	Class	Position	Hometown
Katie Gorman, Westfield State	Senior	First Base	Feeding Hills, Mass.
Michelle Grifoni, Salem State	Freshman	Second Base	Peabody, Mass.
Rachael Sprague, Bridgewater State	Senior	Shortstop	Duxbury, Mass.
Colleen Clancy, Framingham State	Senior	Third Base	Lynn, Mass.
Allie LeBlanc, Bridgewater State	Senior	Outfield	Somerset, Mass.
Tracey Sanko, Bridgewater State	Sophomore	Outfield	Windsor, Conn.
Jackie Mason, Westfield State	Senior	Outfield	Florida, Mass.
Alicia Gardner, Westfield State	Sophomore	Des. Player	Athol, Mass.
Amanda Scola, Salem State	Junior	Catcher	Leominster, Mass.
Alyssa Verronneau, Bridgewater State	Senior	Pitcher	Acushnet, Mass.
Chelsea Sylvia, Westfield State	Senior	Pitcher	South Dartmouth, Mass.
Michaela Ferreira, Bridgewater State	Freshman	Utility	Fall River, Mass.

SECOND TEAM

Player/Institution	Class	Position	Hometown
Liz Ranton, Framingham State	Senior	First Base	Milton, Mass.
Meghan Callahan, Fitchburg State	Sophomore	Second Base	Chelmsford, Mass.
Christy Ulak, Framingham State	Freshman	Shortstop	Rehoboth, Mass.
Jenna Lentine, Salem State	Sophomore	Third Base	Methuen, Mass.
Karen Skoczylas, Fitchburg State	Sophomore	Outfield	Palmer, Mass.
Andrea DiTerlizzi, Framingham State	Sophomore	Outfield	Shrewsbury, Mass.
Taylor Orlando, Salem State	Sophomore	Outfield	Danvers, Mass.
Heather McPherson, Bridgewater State	Sophomore	Des. Player	Mansfield, Mass.
Ashley Nye, Worcester State	Senior	Catcher	Marion, Mass.
Hadley Ameen, MCLA	Freshman	Pitcher	North Adams, Mass.
Michaella Mahoney, Worcester State	Sophomore	Pitcher	Shrewsbury, Mass.
Kayla Koumjian, MCLA	Freshman	Utility	Watervliet, N.Y.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Chelsea Sylvia, Westfield State — Senior — Pitcher — South Dartmouth, Mass.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Madeline Tomich, Westfield State — Freshman — Pitcher — Alford, Mass.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Lou Ann Simchak, Westfield State

WESTFIELD ATHLETICS

FIve Owls Selected To Softball Squad

Sylvia Player Of Year; Tomich Earns Top Rookie Honors

Westfield State all-conference selections, left to right: Katie Gorman, Madeline Tomich, Jackie Mason, Chelsea Sylvia. Missing is Alicia Gardner.

All-Conference Team

Westfield State placed five players on the 2009 Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) all-conference softball squad.

First-team selections were senior pitcher Chelsea Sylvia (South Dartmouth), who also was named the MASCAC player of the year for the second consecutive season, senior center fielder Jackie Mason (Florida, Mass.), senior first baseman Katie Gorman (Feeding Hills), and sophomore designated hitter Alicia Gardner (Athol). Freshman pitcher Madeline Tomich (Alford) was selected the MASCAC rookie of the year.

Sylvia pitched the Owls to their second straight 23-win season and their first conference regular season championship in 24 years. The hard-throwing righthander posted a 15-6 record and 1.53 earned run average and set a school single-season record with 181 strikeouts.

Sylvia, who transferred from Emmanuel College (she did not play softball there) following her freshman year, was a three-time first-team all-conference selection and the rookie of the year in 2007. In only three seasons she shattered the school record for strikeouts, whiffing 475 batters in 371 innings pitched.

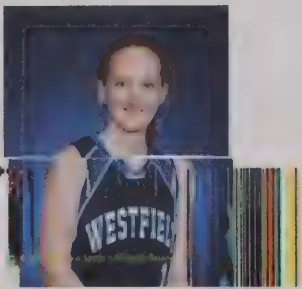
Sylvia also ranks first on the Owls' all-time charts with 41victories and a 1.49 earned run average. She is second in complete games (51) and third in games (66) and innings pitched.

Mason, a three-time all-conference first-team selection, also had a record-setting career at Westfield State. A four-year starter, the Drury High School product established new school career records for games played (131), at bats (449), runs scored (133), hits (157), triples (18), and walks (62).

Mason set a school record this season with eight triples. She scored 44 runs and rapped 53 hits, the second base single-season marks in school history.

The fleet center fielder led the Owls with a .465 batting average and 23 stolen bases. Possessing a rare combination of speed and power, Mason leads the MASCAC in both slugging percentage (.693) and on base percentage (.526).

Both Gorman and Gardner were all-conference first-team selections for the second straight year. Gorman had a .352 on base percentage and led the Owls with four home runs. Gardner batted .349 with four doubles and five triples. She led the MASCAC with 23 walks and had an on base percentage of .487.



Sophomore Alicia Gardner

Tomich emerged as the Owls' No. 2 pitcher and finished with a 5-4 record, striking out 72 in 63 innings pitched. She ranked second in the conference behind Sylvia with a 1.55 earned run average.

2008-2009

Westfield hosts MASCAC tournament

Owls' semifinals game set for 5:30 on Friday

The Westfield State College women's basketball team has earned the top seed in the 2009 Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Championships and will host semi-final and championship round play on Friday and Saturday, February 27th and 28th.

Westfield State and second-seeded Fitchburg State College earned byes into the semi-finals. In Friday's 5:30 game, Westfield State hosts a hot Worcester State squad that has won six straight conference games since losing at home to Westfield State, 64-50, on Feb. 3. In Friday's 7:30 semi-finals matchup, Fitchburg State plays Salem State.

Championship on Saturday, February 28th at 1:00 p.m. at Westfield State's Woodward Center for the league crown as well as an automatic berth into the 2009 NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Championships.

Westfield State captured the 2008-09 MASCAC regular season title with an overall mark of 20-4, including an 11-1 conference slate, under Head Coach Andrea Bertini, and the Owls are led by senior forward Andrea Wasuk's (Lenox, Mass.) league-leading 14.9 points and 6.3 rebounds per game.

Fitchburg State, which finished 16-9 overall in the regular season and 9-3 in MASCAC play

Head Coach Walter Paschal's Falcons are led by senior forward Stephanie Payette's (Townsend, Mass.) 13.4 ppg and seven caroms per contest.

Worcester State made a late season surge under Head Coach Karen Tessmer, as the Lancers finished at 9-16 in regular season action (5-7 in the conference with three straight league triumphs) and are led by sophomore guard Alexis George's (Worcester, Mass.) 12.2 ppg.

Salem State enters the tournament with a mark of 9-16 overall (4-8 in MASCAC play) under veteran Head Coach Tim Shea, as the Vikings are led by junior center Danielle Jenkins (Marlboro, Mass.) who averages

2009 Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Championships

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH – SEMI-FINALS
(Games to be played at Woodward Center, Westfield, Mass.)
Worcester State vs. Westfield State, @5:30 pm
Salem State vs. Fitchburg State @7:30 pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH – CHAMPIONSHIP
(Game to be played at Woodward Center, Westfield, Mass.)
Semi-Final Winners @1:00 pm

2008-2009

Westfield St. baseball team blanks Western New England

SPRINGFIELD – Sophomore itcher Sean Keane (Brockton) ossed a rare 10-hit shutout as the Westfield State baseball team blanked host Western New England College 4-0 in a non-conference game Thursday afternoon at Trelease Park.

SEAN KEANE

Keane, a right-hander, uck out two and walked six in raising his record to 2-0 with his first shutout of the season.

Westfield State compiled 11 hits with junior first baseman Ben Campbell (Easthampton) leading the way with a single, RBI double, and a run scored. Every starter hit safely in the game.The Owls took a 1-0 lead in the second on a RBI single by sophomore left-fielder Sean Geary (South Yarmouth) and extended their lead with three runs in the fifth.

Keane pitched out of jams several times and the Owls' defense turned three double plays in the game.

It was a frustrating day for the Golden Bears who had stranded 11 runners on base while committing two errors and having two players caught stealing,

Sophomore third baseman Tony Trubia (Tolland) had three hits while senior center fielder Chris Newell (Wallingford, Conn.) had a single and double, and senior left fielder Mike Beck (Whitesboro, N.Y.) a pair of singles.

Senior Bryan Calzone (Bethel, Conn.) (6-3) took the loss.

Westfield State (18-13) has won four of its last five contests while WNEC (23-14) has dropped its last two outings.

The Owls visit Massachusetts Maritime in a key Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference twinbill on Saturday.

The Golden Bears end their regular season with a The Commonwealth Coast Conference doubleheader at Anna Maria on Saturday.

'Gravel Track' dedication: The "Jerry Gravel Track" will be dedicated Saturday, April 25, in conjunction with the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) and New England Alliance track and field championships which will be hosted by Westfield State. The dedication program will begin at 11 a.m. at the main entrance to Alumni Field.

Westfield St. baseball notches weekend swee

BUZZARDS BAY - Junior Ben Campbell (Easthampton, Mass.) rapped out three hits and drove in three runs as Westfield State claimed the final Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference baseball playoff berth by sweeping a league doubleheader from Massachusetts Maritime Saturday afternoon by scores of 4-2 in the opener and 6-1 in the nightcap in games played at Commodore Hendy Field.

Westfield State (20-13, 7-7 MASCAC) will wrap-up regular season play with a non-league contest with Wesleyan on Tuesday afternoon in Middletown, Conn. that begins at 4:00 p.m. The Owls earned the fourth seed in next week's MASCAC Championships and will take on top-seeded Worcester State in opening round play next Thursday afternoon.

Campbell gave the visiting Owls a 2-0 fourth inning lead in the opener with a two-run homer (his third the spring), but the host Buccanee (10-16, 4-10 MASCAC) evene matters in the bottom of the fram on senior Mark Mozelak's (Ne Hartford, Conn.) two-run roun tripper, his first of the season.

Junior Mike Trachtenberg (Newton, Mass.) RBI single in th fifth gave Westfield State the lea for good, and the visitors added a insurance tally in the sixth whe senior Cagney Turner (Carleto Place, Ont.) was hit by a pitch wi the bases loaded.

Junior Ben Wagner (Cumberlan R.I.) gave Westfield State the lea for good in the nightcap with a se ond inning RBI single, and the vis tors extended their lead to 4-1 in th third on an RBI double by seni Adam Franke (Monson, Mass.) a well as a run-scoring single off th bat of sophomore Pete Gril (Shrewsbury, Mass.).

2008-2009

Rand, Westfield St. shut down Nichols 1-0

WESTFIELD – Freshman Jacob Rand (Pittsfield/Taconic) pitched eight shutout innings to lead Westfield State College to its ninth straight victory, a 1-0 decision over Nichols College on Thursday, April 2.

The streaking Owls improved to 13-5 heading into Saturday's key conference doubleheader vs. Worcester State; the games will be played at Assumption College in Worcester. Worcester and Westfield shared the Mass. State Conference regular season championship last season, while Worcester defeated Westfield in the 2008 conference postseason tournament championship game.

The non-conference game vs. Nichols took one hour and 58 minutes to complete. Rand allowed five hits and two walks and struck out four in his eight-inning stint. Prior to the game he had pitched two and two-thirds innings for the Owls.

Junior Dave Glass (Pittsfield) pitched a 1-2-3 ninth inning to record his second save.

Westfield scored the game's only run in the third inning. Mike Trachtenberg beat out a one-out bunt single and stole second base. He scored on freshman Alex Xiarhos' single thru the right side.

Nichols did not have a batter reach third base the entire game. In the sixth, however, Al Montalto rapped a one-out single and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Austin Martin hit a comebacker to the mound and Montalto broke for third base. Rand threw high to third base and Montalto was safe. However, Montalto overslid the bag and was tagged out by third baseman Jeff Ackerman for a key out No. 2.

Nichols sophomore Matthew Whitman pitched a complete game, allowing nine hits and no walks and striking out four. Both teams did not commit an error in the tidy, sub-two-hour game.

Brad King clubbed two doubles for the Owls and Ben Campbell (Easthampton) had a double and single. Hot-hitting junior shortstop Ben Wagner was 2-for-4. Wagner has 30 hits in 18 games and a team-high .423 batting average.

Sophomore George Sergi (Blackstone) was 2-for-3 for the Bison.

SOFTBALL SPLITS

At Keene, N.H., freshman Elizabeth McNamara's (Londonderry, N.H.) pinch hit single in the bottom of the 10th inning scored senior Katie Allenson (Clifton Park, N.Y.) with the game-winning running giving the Keene State softball team a dramatic second game 6-5 victory and a split of a doubleheader against Westfield State on Thursday. Westfield State rallied for a 5-2 comeback win in the opening game.

Playing its first games of the season at Owl Athletic Complex, KSC goes to 5-7 while Westfield State is now 10-7 on the season. It was the first win by WSC over KSC since the 2001 season.

Following the tie-breaking rules, Allenson was placed on second in the bottom of the 10th inning. After missing several bunt opportunities, McNamara brought Allenson home with a rocket off the top of the fence in left center field. "When I missed the bunt, I knew I had to get a hit or I would let the team down," McNamara said. It was a great feeling."

Freshman Jacob Rand pitched eight strong innings in Westfield's 1-0 win over Nichols. (Submitted photo/Tom Moriarty)

KSC took a 3-0 lead in the first with junior Stephanie Levado (Wallingford, Conn.) driving in a run. The Owls added one more run in the third to go up 4-0.

Westfield tied the game with a four-run fifth inning. Senior Jackie Mason (Florida, Mass.) had an RBI single. The tying run came home on an error.

WSC took a 5-4 lead in the eighth on a RBI single by junior Angela Stearns (Hanover, Mass.). KSC got the run back in the bottom of the inning on a

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Owls notch sweep in Fla.

MARCH 2009

WESTFIELD STATE COLLEGE BASEBALL

AUBURNDALE, Fla. – Three big innings propelled the Westfield State College baseball team to a doubleheader sweep of Franklin & Marshall (Lancaster, Pa.) College, 9-6 and 11-5, on Monday, March 16.

The Owls upped their record to 4-1; the Diplomats are 3-3.

The spectators got their money's worth in the opener, as Westfield held off a late-inning Franklin & Marshall rally then won the game in the ninth inning of the scheduled seven-inning contest on a mammoth grand slam home run by junior right fielder Kevin "Moose" Lyons.

Senior first baseman Cagney Turner blasted a two-run homer to key Westfield's eight-run outburst in the fourth inning of the second game. He also smashed a double off the left field fence in the first game.

The Owls loaded the bases in the top of the ninth on a walk, an intentional walk and a hit by pitch. Franklin & Marshall relief pitcher Bobby Hayes entered the game and Lyons cranked his first offerinng deep and high over the right field fence for the game-winning blow.

In the seventh inning, the Owls nearly took a 6-5 lead, but Ben Wagner was thrown out at home plate following a single to right field by Lyons.

In the first inning, Westfield scored five runs on four hits and two errors, but the Owls bats were silenced for the next five innings. Franklin and Marshall scored a run in the fifth and racked Westfield relief pitchers for four runs on six hits in the sixth to knot the score at 5-5. The big blows were a two-run homer by Bill Murray and a two-run double by John Dutton.

Westfield was outhit, 12-8. Wagner continued his hot hitting, going 2-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI. Lyons was 2-for-5 with two runs scored. Phil Towne, Westfield's fourth and final pitcher, recorded the mound win.

In the nightcap, the Owls erupted for eight runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to break open a close game and take a commanding 11-2 lead. Ten straight batters reached base safely as the Owls scored all of their runs with two outs. The big blows were a two-run homer by Cagney Turner and a two-run double by Jeff Fields.

The Owls had seven of their 12 hits in the fourth-inning explosion. Wagner was 3-for-4 with a triple, RBI and two runs scored. Fields was 2-for-3 with a double, two RBI and three runs scored.

Joe Green hurled the final five and two-thirds innings to pick up the pitching victory in relief of starter Tymon Muska, who left the game in the second inning with an injury.

The Owls are idle on Tuesday; they return to action Wednesday morning when they play Allegheny College of Meadville, Pa.

SOFTBALL

Messiah 5, Westfield St. 3

At Clermont, Fla., Messiah (Pa.) College remained unbeaten (10-0) by rallying a 5-3 victory over Westfield State in softball action on Monday afternoon, March 16.

The Owls, 1-3, took an early 3-0 lead. Senior center fielder Jackie Mason led off the game with a triple and scored on a groundout by sophomore second baseman Kristyn Carroll.

Westfield scored two runs in the third inning. Mason drew a walk, stole second and third, and scored on a triple by Carroll. Alicia Gardner followed with an RBI groundout.

Messiah, which is located in Grantham, Pa., south of Harrisburg, tied the score in the home half of the third, collecting four hits off Westfield freshman pitcher Madeline Tomich. The key hit was a two-run single by Jacyln Merkel.

Messiah put together three hits in the fourth inning to score the game-winning run. Messiah added an unearned run on two Westfield errors in its

2008-2009

Westfield State outslugs Ramapo

AUBURNDALE, Fla. – Westfield State scored nine runs in its final two at bats and held on for a 14-13, 10-inning victory over Ramapo (N.J.) College in a wild baseball game at Myrtle Park on Saturday, March 21.

WESTFIELD STATE	**14**
RAMAPO COLLEGE	**13**

The Owls finished their Florida trip with a 5-5 record. They are scheduled to play at Elms College on Tuesday, March 24. Ramapo is 6-6.

Westfield took the early lead in this seesaw game with a four-run uprising in the top of the second inning. Ramapo scored a run in the home half of the second and knocked Owl starting pitcher Sean Keane out of the game with a five-run outburst in the fourth.

DIII COLLEGE BASEBALL

Ramapo led 7-5 heading into the ninth inning when Westfield rallied for four runs to take a 9-7 lead. Ben Wagner led off the inning with a walk and advanced to third on a single by Jeff Fields. Junior Ben Campbell (Easthampton) laced a run-scoring double down the left field line. Fields then scored the tying run on a wild pitch. Cagney Turner followed with his first of two clutch two-RBI doubles for a 9-7 Owl advantage.

Westfield was unable to silence the Ramapo bats in the bottom of the ninth as the New Jersey school scored two runs on four hits to send the game into extra frames tied at 9-all.

The Owls also kept hitting as they erupted for five runs on five hits in the 10th inning. The big blows were a two RBI single by Kevin "Moose" Ly[illegible] and another two-run double by Turner; his towering shot down the left field line hit the base of the fence.

Trailing 14-9, Ramapo did not go quietly as it scored four runs on five hits. Ramapo had runners at first and third when a groundout to second base finally concluded the four-hour game.

Ramapo used 24 players during the marathon game while Westfield used 17. Ramapo out-hit the Owls, 21-20.

Fields was 4-for-6 with two RBI and two runs scored. Turner was 3-for-6 with his four RBI and two doubles in the final two innings. Campbell was 2-for-5 with an RBI and a double, and freshman center fielder Alex Xiarhos was 3-for-5 with a double, triple and two runs scored.

Phil Towne, the third of five Westfield pitchers, was credited with the pitching victory and Dave Glass recorded the final three outs for the pitching save. Joe Green, who relieved Keane, pitched effectively in relief. He allowed four hits and one run and struck out three in four and two-thirds innings.

TRINITY'S STREAK ENDS

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. (AP) — Trinity College of Connecticut, the defending Division III national champion, ended a 50-game winning streak that spanned two seasons with losses in both games of a doubleheader against Ohio's Denison University in the Russmatt Central Florida Invitational.

Trinity entered Friday's games as the top-ranked team in the nation but fell to 7-2 with a 10-4 loss in the opening game and a 7-2 setback in the finale.

The Bantams, who went 45-1 last season to capture the D-III national crown, hadn't lost consecutive games since the 2007 NCAA regional tournament and dropped both ends of a twinbill for the first time in nearly two years.

Trinity was last swept in a doubleheader by Bowdoin College on March 31, 2007.

Westfield St. eliminated by Castleton

CASTLETON, Vt. – Senior Nicole Adams scored seven goals and had one assist to lead second-seeded Castleton to a 15-12 win over the third seed Westfield State in New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance semifinal tournament action Wednesday afternoon.

Castleton raced out to a 5-0 lead over the first six minutes of play as Marie VanDerKar scored three times to lead the surge. Westfield State answered with goals from Kasey Rogers, Rachel Dionne and Jen Lyon to cut the lead to 5-3 with 15:42 remaining in the half.

After a goal by Castleton's Aimee Goulette made it 6-3, Dionne sandwiched a goal from Adams and Ally Brown tallied inside of five minutes to play to make it 7-6 at halftime.

Castleton used an early Owl yellow card to score three quick extra-player goals to make it 10-6 a little less than two minutes into the second half. Adams scored twice and Elizabeth Haggerty added one to

give Castleton some breathing room.

Westfield State once again answered the run and the Owls found hemselves down 12-11 after a Brown goal with 12:30 remaining. A Castleton yellow card gave the Owls the extra-player opportunity and an

eight-meter free position attempt with 9:33 remaining in the contest.

Castleton goalie, Fransesca Mazzola stopped three-straight

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

Owls win at home

WESTFIELD – Freshman third baseman Matt Kelly was 2-for-3 with two RBI, and freshman outfielder Alex Xiarhos was 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI to lead Westfield State to an 8-5 victory over Amherst College in non-conference baseball action Wednesday.

It was the home opener for the Owls, who improved to 7-5. The Lord Jeffs are 7-4.

Westfield was out-hit, 11-9, but Amherst committed six errors, including three in the Owls' four-run seventh inning.

Westfield committed no errors and received solid performances from six pitchers in the nine-inning

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game. Senior captain Josh Perches pitched the first three innings and freshman Aaron Messier threw the fourth and fifth frames.

The Owls opened the scoring with two first-inning runs. Xiarhos doubled down the left field line, advanced to third on a single by Ben Wagner, and scored on a wild pitch. Ben Campbell reached safely on an error by the second baseman and Kelly ripped an RBI single off the foot of Amherst pitcher Teddy Blank.

Scott Shaffer rapped a run-scoring single in the third inning for the Lord Jeffs, but the Owls countered with an RBI single by Xiarhos in the fourth to make the score 3-1.

Amherst closed with a run again, 3-2, in the seventh on a two-out RBI double by Michael Neff.

In the home half of the seventh, however, Westfield crossed the plate four times on only one hit. Mike Trachtenberg led off with a single, then the Owls took advantage of three Amherst miscues, stole a base, drew a walk, and executed two sacrifice bunts.

Westfield scored its final run in the eighth on two more Amherst errors to take an 8-2 lead. Amherst scored three runs on three hits in its final at bats, including a two-run double by Neff.

Neff was 4-for-5 with two doubles and three RBI and Shaffer was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE
Westfield St. 18, Pine Manor 4

At Chestnut Hill, an upstart Westfield State club jumped out to a 14-1 lead Wednesday, too much for the Gators to overcome in an 18-4 loss.

The Owls (4-1) improved to 4-0 on the road largely in part to the play of sophomore Laura Chiricosta (Lexington) and freshman Nicole Dipilato (Shrewsbury). Chiricosta found the back of the net three times in the first six minutes of play.

For Pine Manor (1-1), Victoria Garcia (Westfield) and Elaine Rodriguez (Bronx, N.Y./Banana Kelly) each tallied two goals.

Following a Garcia free position shot that got the Gators on the board at 6-1 at the 12:37 mark, Dipilato scored all of her game-high five goals in the ensuing 17 minutes of the first half, taking Greg Styles' club into halftime with its 14-1 lead.

Rachel Dionne (Feeding Hills) added four goals and two assists, while Kasey Rogers (West Springfield) added two second-half goals for the Owls, which outshot Pine Manor 26-9.

Owls bomb Medaille; Sylvia strikes out 12

WESTFIELD STATE COLLEGE SOFTBALL

CLERMONT, Fla. - Westfield State College bounced back from several close losses to record an impressive 10-0, five-inning victory over Medaille College (Buffalo, N.Y) on Tuesday, March 17.

Westfield's record is 2-3; Medaille is 3-2.

The Owls belted 12 hits in the game, including a solo home run by senior first baseman Katie Gorman (Feeding Hills), and senior pitcher Chelsea Sylvia was sharp, registering 12 of the 15 outs by swinging strikeouts. The senior righthander allowed two hits, a double and single to the first two batters she faced.

Westfield scored all of the runs it needed with a four-run uprising in the second inning. The key hit was a two-run single by senior right fielder Lindsay Jardin.

The Owls scored two runs in the third, including a leadoff homer over the left-center field fence by Gorman. Westfield tacked on four more runs in the fifth.

Gorman was 3-for-4 and leadoff batter Jackie Mason was 1-for-3 with three RBI. Senior designated hitter Allison Allen was 2-for-3 with three runs scored. Junior catcher Gia Calabrese (West Springfield) was 2 for-2 with two runs scored and an RBI.

Westfield is idle on Wednesday; the Owls play an afternoon doubleheader on Thursday, March 19, vs. Ripon (Wisconsin) College and Bethany (West Virginia) College.

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Owls preseason pick for MASCAC

DIVISION III COLLEGE BASEBALL

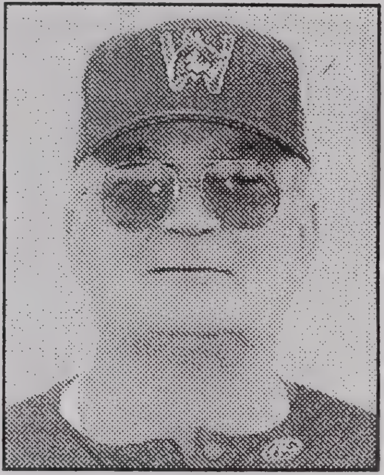
WESTFIELD – The Owls of Westfield State College are the preseason pick to win the 2009 Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference Baseball championship in a vote of the league's coaches.

Westfield State captured three first place votes to amass 57 points in taking the top spot in the poll, as the Owls outdistanced second place Worcester State's total of 52 points that included one first place vote.

Bridgewater State, which garnered three first place votes, is next in third place with 48 points, while Salem State and the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (which received the other first place vote) follow in the fourth and fifth spots, respectively, with 42 and 37 points.

Massachusetts Maritime is next in sixth place with 25 points, while Fitchburg State and Framingham State round out the poll in seventh and eighth place with 17 and 10 points, respectively.

The Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference is comprised of eight state member institutions that sponsor 15 championships in NCAA Division III play. MASCAC members Bridgewater State College, Fitchburg State College, Framingham State College, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Salem State College, Westfield State College and Worcester State College compete for league titles in the sports of baseball, men's & women's basketball, men's & women's cross country, field hockey, football, men's ice hockey, women's lacrosse, men's & women's soccer, softball, men's & women's track & field and women's volleyball.



RAY ARRA
Head coach for the Owls

2009 MASCAC Baseball Pre-Season Coaches Poll (First Place Votes In Parentheses)

1. Westfield State (3) 57 points
2. Worcester State (1) 52 points
3. Bridgewater State (3) 48 points
4. Salem State 42 points
5. MCLA (1) 37 points
6. Mass. Maritime 25 points
7. Fitchburg State 17 points
8. Framingham State 10 points

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Westfield State looks strong

Local college notebook

By **MIKE BOGEN**
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The votes are in, and this spring most of them are going to Westfield State College.

The Owls have been the darlings of opposing coaches who each season vote in the Massachusetts State Athletic Conference preseason polls, with the prognosticators choosing Westfield's baseball team and both its men's and women's track and field teams to finish first in their conferences.

The softball team was picked to be runnerup to Bridgewater State by a narrow 60-55 margin, while the women's lacrosse team was the least favored, going into the season ranked fourth in the eight-team New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance Poll.

As usual, the rosters of the Westfield teams are dotted with athletes from the Pioneer Valley.

The baseball team has only two – Monson's Adam Franke, a senior who started 11 games and hit .273 last year, and infielder Ben Campbell of Easthampton.

The Owls softball team, on the other hand, is loaded with local talent, starting with Athol native Alicia Gardner. The sophomore shortstop, who pitched Athol to a Division II Western Massachusetts championship a few years ago, hit .386 last year, with a team-best slugging percentage of .578.

Senior Katie Gorman of Agawam hit .351 and slugged .505 last year, while West Side's Gia Calabrese started at catcher and Sunderland's Danielle Lutenegger started in left field about two-thirds of the time.

The Owls, 23-13 and 10-4 in the conference last year, will get a boost from two freshman standouts, Amherst's Alex Thompson, an outstanding defensive catcher, and All-Scholasti choice Ashtyn Welcome, who was 17-3 with 1.09 ERA and 191 strikeouts in 140 innings fo Pioneer Valley Regional as a senior last year.

Agawam's Rachel Dionne leads a contingent of five Pioneer Valley lacrosse player that includes Kaitlin Welsh, Kaleigh Toole an Katy Burns of Wilbraham; Jess Bruso and Ka sey Rogers of West Springfield, and Rache Comee of Southwick.

Dionne was an All-NEWLA first team selection as a freshman last season.

AIC: Bidemi Balogun was named Northeast 10 Freshman Field Athlete of the Week afte setting a school record in the weight throv with a toss of 16.86 meters. That was an NCA provisional qualifying distance – she still face a selection process – and makes her AIC's first ever national qualifier.

Three Yellow Jackets players – seniors Ton Fenton and Chad Richardson and freshma Michael Penny – were named to the Atlanti Hockey Honor Roll this week.

FOX CITED: West Springfield's Stephanie Fox a junior forward at Simmons College, wa named to the GNAC All-Conference first tean after leading the Sharks to a 17-9 record.

Fox, who transferred to Simmons this yea averaged 16 points and 8.5 rebounds per gam in leading the Sharks to their second most victories ever. The former Suffield Academ standout shot 49 percent from the floor, 48 percent from 3-point range and a conference-bes 84.6 percent from the foul line.

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MEET MARLEE

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NCAA

Westfield State senior Marlee Berg holds the trophy she received for winning the NCAA Division III national indoor high jump championship in February. (Submitted photo)

Passion pays off for senior

By JEN AKINS
Westfield State athletics department intern

Marlee Berg has dedicated herself to track and field, a passion in her life. And for the past four years she has proved to be one the top athletes in Westfield State College history. Berg's accomplishments are spectacular. The Chelmsford, Mass. resident was:

- a four-time qualifier for NCAA Division III national championships;
- a Mass. State Conference champion 14 times;
- All New England nine times, including winning the 2008 heptathlon championship;
- All-ECAC three times;
- the Westfield State College team's Most Valuable Field Performer in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

She also holds school records in four events - high jump, 200-meter dash, 500-meter run, and pentathlon - and is a member of four school record-setting relay teams.

Berg's most outstanding achievement, however, happened this past February when she won a national championship, placing first in the high jump at NCAA Division III indoor finals.

"I still don't know the words, satisfying I guess I would say. It's what you work for. It's like the ultimate goal," said Berg on becoming Westfield's third national champion in track and field.

Not only does Berg have astounding athletic ability but she possesses the leadership that has led her to be team captain for three years.

"She's pretty much the captain for the men's team too," said head coach Sean O'Brien. "She's a leader. Marlee has kept everything on an even keel."

High jump is Berg's specialty and one of her favorite events, but she can also perform in many other events like the long jump, triple jump, hurdles, and sprints.

"She's one of the best and a big-meet performer," said O'Brien when asked to compare Berg to other athletes that he has coached. "It's not just her athletic ability but her personality, too. You get a top athlete with leadership and personality. You only get a few of them."

Berg's motivation to perform at a high level comes from her teammates. "When it's a team thing, I want to do well for them," she said.

Berg also has dedicated herself to the classroom, and she will graduate in May with a communication degree.

"A student-athlete that's what you are. You're here to go to school. We do it because we love the sport," said Berg about being a Division III athlete. "We're here because we want to be here. Other divisions are there because they have to be."

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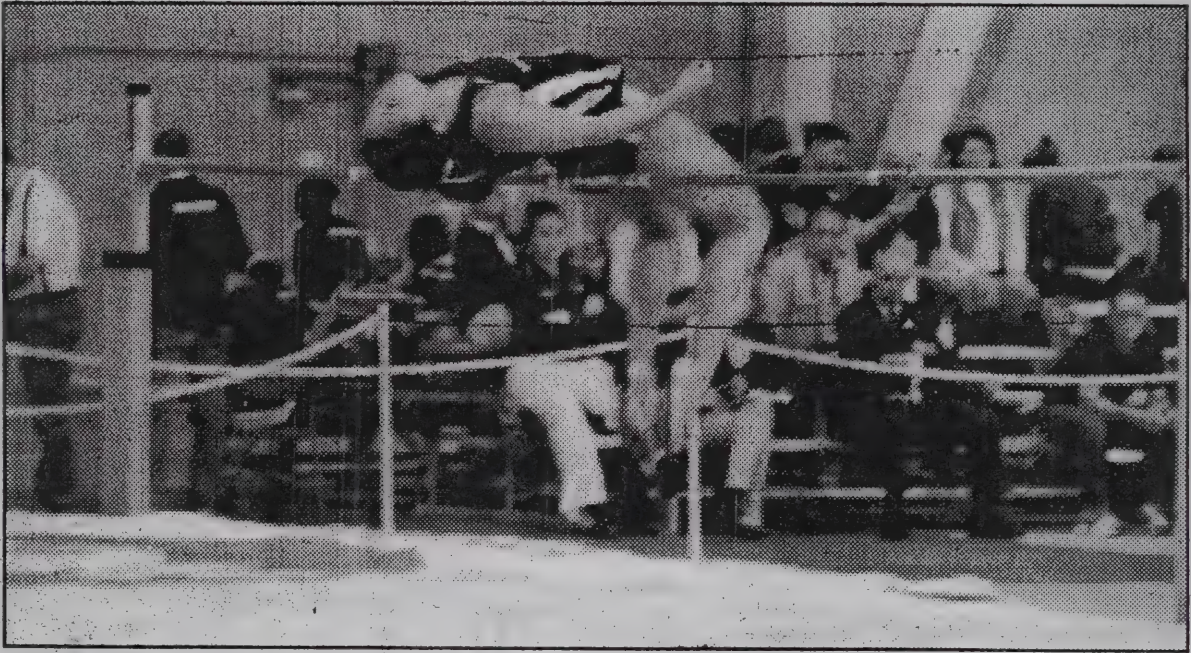
Berg has made a lot of progress since her freshman year and credits this to her coaches. She claims to be in better mental and physical shape and also more knowledgeable about the sport.

"The coaches are great. They teach you. After I take a jump I can figure out what I did wrong. I used to just run and jump. Now I understand," said Berg.

Berg will move on from Westfield State with many memories and a cartload of trophies. She describes her four years at Westfield as exciting and an enjoyable experience.

"I couldn't even imagine going to another school," said Berg. "This school was definitely the right choice."

"She works at it and anything she gets, she deserves. You don't get those types of athletes who want to practice all the time. It's the whole package," said O'Brien.



Westfield State senior Marlee Berg competes in the high jump at the NCAA Division III national indoor championships in February. (Submitted photo)

Shiverdecker Named Rookie Of Week

Westfield State College freshman A.J. Shiverdecker (Kettering, OH) was selected the Rookie of the Week in the 17-team ECAC Northeast hockey conference.

Shiverdecker recorded three goals and three assists in the Owls two games last week, both victories. He tallied two goals and two assists in a 7-0 rout of WNEC, and had the game-winning goal in a 5-3 win over Worcester State.

Senior captain Jeff Chillson (Enfield, CT) was named to the weekly honor roll. Chillson had two goals and three assists in the two games, including two goals and two assists vs. Worcester State.

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Westfield nips Fitchburg in OT

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Sophomore Laura Chiricosta (Lexington) had game highs of eight goals and four assists and sophomore Rachel Dionne (Feeding Hills) tallied five goals and three assists to lead Westfield State to a 20-17 overtime victory over Fitchburg State in New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance (NEWLA) action on Saturday, April 11.

Westfield improves to 9-2 overall and 4-1 in NEWLA. Fitchburg is 4-6 and 1-3.

Despite the records disparity, a close game was anticipated and the Falcons looked like they were going to pull off a victory in regulation. Fitchburg took a 17-16 lead with 11:17 remaining in regulation on a goal by Emily Swan (Franklin), who tied for team-high honors with five goals.

The game was scoreless over the next 11 minutes as the teams traded turnovers and missed shots. Fitchburg was attempting to run out the clock in the final three minutes when Westfield's Jess Bruso picked up a grounder with 52 seconds remaining.

Westfield missed a free position shot with 27 ticks left but still controlled the ball. Dionne then scored with 13 seconds left in regulation on a nice pass behind the goal from senior Kasey Rogers (West Springfield) to send the game into overtime.

Neither team scored in the first overtime period, then the Owls broke loose for three goals in the second three-minute stanza. The game-winning goal was recorded by freshman Jen Lyon (Pittsfield/Taconic) on a free position shot with 2:38 remaining. Lyon opted to go high as she lofted the ball over the goalie for her nice game-winning shot.

Westfield dominated the draw controls in OT and decided to keep attacking instead of milking the clock. Dionne and Chiricosta teamed up for a goal at the 2:13 mark, and Chiricosta scored on a Dionne assist with 1:25 remaining.

The three-goal final score difference was Westfield's biggest lead. Fitchburg jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the game's opening five minutes. Westfield chipped away and took a 9-8 lead with 5:53 left in the first half. The halftime score was 10-10. It was one of 11 ties in the seesaw game.

The teams traded goals in the first 18 minutes of the second period. The Falcons then scored two straight goals in the span of 24 seconds to take its 17-16 lead.

Also scoring five goals for the Falcons was Amanda Burns (Weymouth). Sophomore Kaitlyn Kelley (Pepperell) had three goals and two assists. Fitchburg goalie Jill Shaner (Arlington) made 12 saves.

For Westfield, Rogers and Ally Brown (Andover) both had two goals and an assist.

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Westfield draws Muhlenberg in NCAA

Tournament game to be played at Bowdoin College

The Westfield State College women's basketball team will play Muhlenberg College of Allentown, Pa., in the first round of the NCAA Division III national tournament. The first-round regional game will be played at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, on Friday, March 6, at 5:00 p.m.

In the other Friday night first-round game at Bowdoin, the host college will play Castleton State of Vermont at 7:00. The Friday winners will play at Bowdoin on Saturday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. For additional tournament information, go to www.ncaa.com.

Tickets prices are $6 for adults and $3 for students and seniors. All three games this weekend at Bowdoin can be viewed live on the internet at:www.pennatlantic.com

Bowdoin (24-4) earned the right to host the first and second round regional games by capturing the NESCAC Tournament with a 49-46 victory over Amherst College. Castleton State, 17-11, upset Husson, 63-57, in the North Athletic Conference championship game to earn an automatic bid.

Muhlenberg, 24-3, won the Centennial Conference for the second straight season and the third time in the past four years. The Mules have won 10 straight and 18 of their last 19 games. The veteran team is averaging 70.4 points per game.

Westfield State has also finished strong, with victories in 13 of the last 14 games. The 22-4 Owls rolled to an 80-54 victory over Salem State in the MASCAC championship game. Westfield also won the MASCAC regular season championship with an 11-1 record.

Westfield senior Andrea Wasuk (Lenox) , the MASCAC Player of the Year, leads the conference in scoring, averaging 14.9 points per game. Senior guard Katie Sylvain (Hadley) is averaging 11.9 points and leads the conference in 3-point shooting percentage.

This will be Westfield State' s third appearance in the NCAA Tournament. The Owls participated in 1995 and 1996, when their current head coach Andrea Bertini was a senior.

Westfield Splits With Salem

Mike Trachtenberg was 3 for 4 with three RBI in Westfield's 8-4 victory over Salem State.

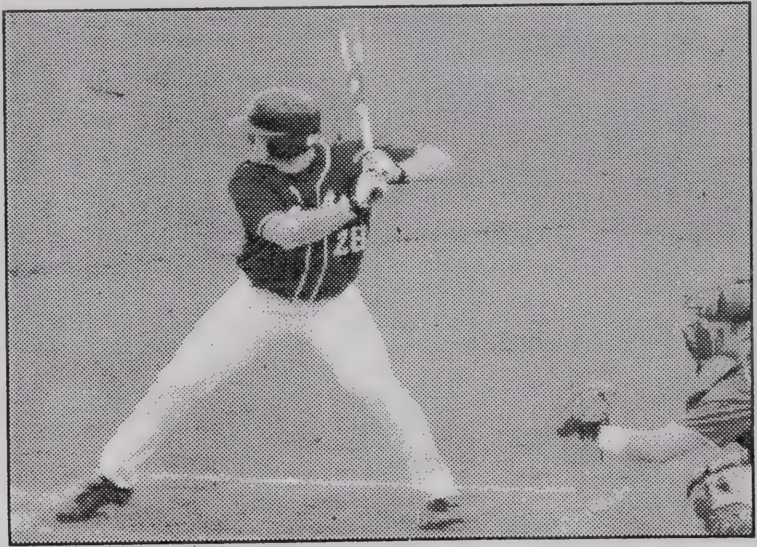
SALEM - Salem State rallied from a one-run deficit to post a 6-5 walk-off win in the opener of its Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC) doubleheader against Westfield State College this afternoon at The Salem State College Baseball Diamond. The Owls came back to take the nightcap, 8-4.

(Westport, MA) went the distance on the hill for the Vikings, limiting the Owls to six hits, allowing just one earned run, striking out five and issuing five walks. Galindo was the only Vikings to collect multiple hits (2). Cocci scored twice and Luongo picked up an RBI after being hit with the bases loaded an a three-run second inning.

Owls eliminated by Husson

MANSFIELD, Conn. – The seventh-seeded Husson College baseball team scored six runs in the seventh inning on three hits and five Westfield State College errors to wipe out a one-run deficit and record a 10-3 victory in an elimination game of the 2009 NCAA Division III New England Tournament Thursday afternoon at the Eastern Connecticut State Baseball Stadium.

The win in NCAA play is the first for Husson (32-13) in its second game and moves the Eagles into another elimination game Friday at 10 a.m. against the loser of a late Thursday game between fouorth-seeded WPI and eighth-seeded Babson College. Westfield (23-17) had lost a 6-4 decision to 2008 national champion Trinity College and is eliminated from its eighth NCAA tournament appearance .



Westfield State College's Kevin Lyons gets ready to crank a solo home run over the center field fence in the fourth inning. **(Submitted photo)**

Trailing 3-0, the Eagles got two back in the sixth on Tom Crews' (Bangor, ME) fourth home run of the season, then broke the game open by scoring six times in the seventh to take an 8-3 lead. Husson chased Westfield starter Sean Keane (Brockton, MA) and faced two relievers in the inning. The Eagles had three hits in the inning -- including a two-run single down the left field line – but were also aided by the vie Westfield errors and two hit batters that produced two unearned runs.

Westfield's four pitchers combined to hit eight batters, three of whom scored.

Freshman righty Nate Adams (Frankfort, ME) went the distance for the sixth time in nine starts this year. Adams (7-2) surrendered only four hits and struck out nine, walking four and hitting a batter. Adams allowed two home runs – but both were solo shots – that helped stake the Owls to a 3-0 lead after four innings. No. 3 hitter Kevin Lyons (Braintree, MA) and cleanup hitter Ben Campell (Easthampton, MA) each hit home runs, with Lyons plating another run with a first-inning sacrifice fly.

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Westfield brooms Fitchburg

WESTFIELD – Junior Jeff Fields (Pittsfield) was 4-for-6 with two doubles and six RBIs, and junior Ben Campbell (Easthampton) had three hits and six RBIs to power Westfield State to a double header sweep of Fitchburg State, 11-1, 8-1, on Saturday, March 28.

Westfield, winner of six straight, improves to 10-5 overall and 2-0 in the Mass. State Conference. Fitchburg is 8-6 and 0-2.

In the opener, Fields and Campbell both were 2-for-4 with four RBIs. The Owls jumped out to an early 7-0 lead by scoring two runs in the first inning and five in the second.

Both Fields and Campbell delivered RBI singles in the first frame. In the second inning, Fields smacked a three-run double and Campbell clubbed a two-RBI two bagger. Westfield starting pitcher Jesse Vermeesch threw five innings, allowing three hits and two walks and striking out four.

In the nightcap, the Owls broke it open by crossing the plate four times in the fourth inning and twice in the fifth. Fields smacked a two-run double in the fourth.

Westfield leadoff batter Mike Trachtenberg was 2-for-4, including a two-run single in the fifth, and Ben Wagner was 2-for-3 with two runs scored.

SOFTBALL TAKES TWO

At Westfield, senior leadoff batter Jackie Mason (Florida, Mass/Drury High School) had six hits, six runs scored, four stolen bases and two RBIs to lead Westfield State to a conference double header sweep of Fitchburg State, 10-4, 8-3, on Saturday, March 28.

Westfield improves to 8-4 overall in 2-0 in the Mass. State Conference. Fitchburg is 3-13 and 0-2.

In the opener, Mason was 3-for-4 with three runs scored and two RBIs, and junior catcher Gia Calabrese (West Springfield) was 3-for-3 with three runs scored and an RBI.

Mason and Calabrese both delivered RBI singles in the Owls' four-run fourth inning that snapped a

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Nichols cruises past Westfield

HARRISVILLE, R.I. – The Nichols College men's hockey team advanced to the ECAC Northeast semifinals with an 8-1 victory over Westfield State Saturday evening at June Rockwell Levy Rink.

The Bison finished the night 6-for-14 on the power play and were led by four points from sophomore forward Matt Roberts (Merrimac, Mass.), who recorded a pair of goals and two assists.

Top-seeded Nichols (23-3-0) will host the lower seed of either fifth-seeded Fitchburg State or sixth-seeded Becker Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. Fitchburg upset fourth-seeded UMass-Dartmouth, 3-2, while Becker takes on third-seeded Wentworth Sunday afternoon.

Matt Hendrickson (Farmingdale, N.Y.) added three points with a goal and two assists, while Will Munson (Corona, Calif.) recorded a pair of goals.

Dennis Zak (Dover, N.J.) gave the Owls (11-9-4) a 1-0 lead just 4:11 in the game off an assist from Pat Nelson (Cary, N.C.), but the Bison rattled off eight unanswered goals to cruise into the semifinals.

Hendrickson knotted the game before Roberts recorded a shorthanded tally to send the Bison to the locker room with a 2-1 lead.

Nichols scored four power-play goals in the second frame to edge ahead, 6-1, and tacked on two more goals with the man advantage in the final frame for the 8-1 final.

In all, Nichols held a 49-22 advantage in shots, and was assessed 20 penalty minutes on 10 infractions. The Owls found themselves in the penalty box for 58 minutes on 21 infractions.

Nichols netminder Jacob Rinn (Warwick, R.I.) improved to 7-1-2 on the season with 21 saves.

Westfield's Ray Monroe (Shrewsbury, Mass.) shouldered the loss with 13 saves and four goals allowed in the first 31 minutes, while Ian Wilson (Tulsa, Okla.) stopped 27 shots while allowing four goals in the final 29 minutes.

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Westfield's Arouca is All American

MARIETTA, Ohio - Westfield State College junior Kerry Arouca (Hanson, Mass.) earned All America honors by placing third in the 3,000 meter steeplechase at the NCAA Division III outdoor track and field championships on Friday.

Arouca shattered her own school record in the grueling race with a time of 10:31.71. She entered the national championships as the No. 9 seed with a time of 10:44.54.

The third time was a charm for the hard-working junior distance runner, who became the first Westfield State female to earn All-America status in a track event since 1987. During the 2008-2009 academic year, she qualified for the cross country national championships and just missed All-America honors by placing ninth in the 5,000 meter run at the indoor national finals.

"Kerry did a good job," said Westfield head coach Sean O'Brien. "I was worried at the beginnin because she got off to a slow start. But she was just feeling everybody out; she just had to believe she could run with them."

Arouca began to settle in with the lead pack around the third or fourth lap, according to O'Brien. She was running side-by-side with MIT junior Jacqui Wentz and overtook her in the final 200 meters, edging Wentz by 9/10ths of a second.

Junior Stephanie Perleberg from the University of Wisconsin La Crosse won the national title with a time of 10:22.34 Placing second was senior Katie Theisen of St. Thomas University in 10:27.58.

Arouca was the top runner from New England. Williams College sophomore Meghan Shea, who defeated Arouca in the All New England championships, placed ninth in 10:50.71.

"I am confident Kerry can continue to drop her time," said O'Brien. "At the start of the race she was trying to pass other runners on the inside of the track, which slowed her a bit, and she has to keep improving on clearing the hurdles."

Westfield State's other two participants in the national championships - seniors Marlee Berg and Caitlin Handcock - will be competing in the high jump finals on Saturday at 2:20 p.m.

Westfield State All American Kerry Arouca. **(Westfield State Athletics department file photo by Tom Moriarty)**

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Westfield State field hockey player Kate Moss, along with Chester Elementary School students Cami Rock, Meghan Main and Jess Van Heynigen, stocks the Westfield River with salmon fry. **(Submitted photo)**

Owls go fishing

WESTFIELD – Several members of the Westfield State field hockey team recently assisted students at the [illegible]er (Mass.) Elementary School with an interesting class project – re-stocking the Westfield River with salmon.

The third and fourth grades at the elementary school had been raising salmon in their classroom since the eggs were delivered in early spring. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided all equipment needed for classrooms to participate in a restocking effort throughout the Connecticut River Watershed.

The class recently released the fry into the West Branch of the Westfield River, which is located directly behind the elementary school. With the help of Westfield State professors Michael Young and Michael Vorwerk, several parents, and Westfield Sate field hockey members Kate Moss and Taylor Murray, about 125 fry were released safely.

"It was a very educational and unique project," said Chester Elementary School teacher Heather Cabral, who also serves as the Westfield State field hockey head coach.

Later that same evening, the Chester PTO held its annual spaghetti supper fundraiser, and four more field hockey team members – Alyssa Wesoly, Libby Bouley, Amanda Burns, Christina Connolly – joined Moss and Taylor. The field hockey players helped with setup and cleanup, delivered desserts, sold baked goods, and collected money and tickets at the door.

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half. The halftime score was 10-10. It was one of 11 ties in the see-saw game.

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Also scoring five goals for the Falcons was Amanda Burns (Weymouth). Sophomore Kaitlyn Kelley (Pepperell) had three goals and two assists. Fitchburg goalie Jill Shaner (Arlington) made 12 saves.

For Westfield, Rogers and Ally Brown (Andover) both had two goals and an assist.

TRACK & FIELD

At Amherst, the Westfield State College men's outdoor track and field team placed fifth at the University of Massachusetts Spring Meet on Saturday, April 11.

UMass Amherst finished first in the 10-team meet with 186 points, followed by Central Connecticut State (113), Williams (107), Maine (92) and Westfield (76).

Trinity College was sixth (62), followed by University of Hartford (41), Boston College (40), Amherst College (35), and Quinnipiac (3).

The Owls took top honors in two events. Anthony Stomski won the hammer throw with a toss of 156 feet even, and the 4 x 100 relay squad hit the tape first in 42.83. UMass-Amherst placed second in the relay (43.69) and Boston College was third (43.84).

Marc Gomes was a member of the winning relay and finished third in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes on the wet and windy day. Also placing third on the track was Michael Chapin in the 110 high hurdles.

Tyler Merchant placed second in the javelin (176-10) and Jovancy Toledo was fourth in the shot put.

The Westfield State College women's outdoor track and field team placed seventh at the meet.

The Owls compiled 32 points in the 10-team meet. Maine placed first with 178.5 points, followed by UMass Amherst (140.5) and Boston College (131).

Standouts Marlee Berg and Kerry Arouca were Westfield's top performers. Berg placed second in the high jump (5-3) and Arouca was third in the 3,000 meter steeplechase.

Arouca, a junior from Hanson, Mass., keeps dropping her time in the grueling race as she was clocked in a school record 11:00.25. A week ago she had shattered her own school record with a time of 11:05.77.

Placing first in the steeplechase was Amherst College senior Elise Tropiano (10:48.27). UMass Amherst senior Elizabeth Foster finished second in 10:49.25.

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common forever," Lauren said, "It's been fun but this is the way to go out."

The future looks bright for these outstanding student-athletes. Lauren and Andrea are determined to start their own businesses, while Katie wants t remain in athletics as an athleti trainer or coach.

The seniors not only leave th Owls with many memorable high lights but also leave their legac for future players to follow.

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RBI single by senior Jenna Patnode (Surry, N.H.). That set the stage for the Owls' heroics in the 10th inning.

Sophomore Katie Bradford (Lebanon, N.H.), Levado, and Patnode each had two hits for the KSC Owls. Mason finished the game with three hits for WSC

Freshman Courtney Savoie (Stratham, N.H.), 1-2, picked up the win in relief of starter Ashley Clark (Brentwood, N.H.) Savoie went 5.2 innings, giving up one run on three hits with five strikeouts and a walk.

WSC starter senior Casey Riddell (Orange, Mass.) took the loss. She gave up six runs on five hits during her nine innings in the circle. She fanned four.

In the first game, KSC took a 1-0 lead in the first. Patnode led off with a single, stole second and came home on an error. The Owls added to their lead with a run in the third.

Westfield began its comeback with a run in the fifth on a RBI double by Mason. They added two more runs in the sixth on a wild pitch and bases loaded walk.

WSC added two insurance runs in the seventh with junior Kim Brennan (Orange, Mass.) delivering an RBI single.

WOMEN'S LAX WINS

At Westfield, sophomore Laura Chiricosta had six goals and three assists and sophomore Rachel Dionne scored four goals to lead Westfield State College to a 19-3 women's lacrosse victory over Rhode Island College on Thursday evening, April 2.

The victory was the sixth straight for the Owls, who boosted their record to 7-1. Westfield State hosts Worcester State in a key conference game on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Rhode Island College drops to 1-6.

Westfield scored six goals in the fist eight minutes - three by Chiricosta and two from senior Kasey Rogers (West Springfield) - to jum[illegible] a 6-0 l[illegible] Owls led at h[illegible], 13-3.

Rogers tallied three goals and junior Ally Brown (North Andover) had two goals and two assists. Also scoring two goals was freshman Jen Lyon (Pittsfield/Taconic).

Sophomore Suaniy Almonte (Warwick, R.I.) scored two of RIC's three goals.

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shots on net to preserve the ad, and the Spartans killed off e penalty successfully. anDerKar, Adams and tephanie Pearce each scored oals in succession to put the ame out of reach.

VanDerKar followed Adams in e scoring column with four oals, while Pearce added two oals and two assists.

Dionne led the Owls with five goals and one assist, while Rogers and Brown each had two goals. Laura Chiricosta added one goal and two assists. Kaity Burns stopped six shots in the loss as Westfield State falls to 11-6 on the season.

Castleton advances to its second-straight NEWLA Final, and ups its season record to a program-best 13-2. Mazzola stopped 10 shots in the win.

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Senior Nathan Landry continued his dominance in the throwing events by placing first in the hammer throw (171-6) and shot put (47-9 1/4) and third in the discus.

Also placing first was senior Phil Gingras in the 10,000 meter run and freshman Patrick Regan in the 1500 meter run.

Finishing second were Tyler Merchant (javelin), Stahelski (400 meter dash), Jovaney Toledo (discus) and John Lannon (pole vault).

WOMEN WIN TOO

The Westfield State College women's outdoor track and field team won its 12th straight Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) championship on Saturday, April 25, with another dominating performance at the newly dedicated Jerry Gravel Track.

Westfield racked up 249 team p [illegible] outdistance Worcester (117) and Bridgewater (106) in the six-team meet.

The Owls placed first in 10 events, led by Marlee Berg and Kerry Arouca. Arouca set meet records in winning the 3,000 meter steeplechase (11:02.16) and the 1500 meter run (4:51.26).

Berg won the 110 hurdles and the high jump, tying her personal best of 5-7. The standout senior also placed in four other events: 400 hurdles, second place; 200; third place; long jump, second place; and triple jump, second place.

Sophomore Rachel Ryan won the shot put and placed second in the javelin. Also finishing first were: Marianne Mealey, 10,000 meter run; Kelsey Teal (pole vault), Jill Monahan (discus), Amanda Gricus (hammer throw), and the 4 x 400 relay team of Jen Simao, Kelcie Gildea, Stephanie Baker and Caitlin Handcock.

Handcock finished second in the high jump with a fine effort of 5-5. Laura Poore placed second in the 200 meter dash.

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